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CENTRAL ASSEMBLY CENSURES INDIA GOVT.

New Russian Attack North-West Of Breslau

Zhukov & Koniev Ready For Central Push On Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The German News Agency announces that the Red Army has gone over to attack from its Oder bridgehead at Steinau 34 miles north-west of Breslau.

The main Soviet drive is directed towards the south with the aim of cutting the highway and railway line of Lischitz, Upper Silesia and of turning the powerful German bolt line outside Breslau.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow writes:—The most spectacular Soviet progress inside Germany in the past 24 hours has been in the direction of the great Baltic Port of Stettin bringing imminent threat of another Baltic trap to the big German forces enmeshed in Pomerania and the Polish corridor. Marshal Zhukov's flying columns were to-day only 19 miles south of Stettin and were closing in rapidly. One spearhead was reaching out towards the rail junction of Stargard on the Danzig-Stettin railway 20 miles east of Stettin. By dusk yesterday it was 15 miles south of Stargard.

As Marshal Zhukov swings in on the north flank of the 400-mile Soviet line inside Germany, Marshal Koniev's forces on the southern flank gained fresh ground all round the perimeter of their 50-mile bridgehead beyond the Oder. These two great flanking movements are seen here as preparing the way for the main central push on Berlin. Due east of the German capital Soviet artillery has been hammering the Oder line without intermission for more than three days.

On the Central Oder Front, Marshal Zhukov's forces are building up for an all-out assault to storm the Reich capital. Although Moscow is still not officially confirming German reports that Marshal Zhukov's troops have established bridgeheads across the Oder, east of Berlin, observers here consider that it may now be accepted that those reports are founded on fact.

To-day's German 'communique' said: "The German garrison of Budapest is still holding in parts of the city adjacent to the castle against enemy attacks, which are still becoming stronger.

Koenigsberg Burgomaster Hanged

LONDON, Feb. 9: The German Radio to-day reported that a burgomaster of Koenigsberg, Kurt Kroeger, was hanged on Monday for leaving his post

NAZI AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND

Damage And Casualties Reported

LONDON, Feb. 9: Damage and casualties are reported from German air activity directed against Southern England from dawn yesterday to 07-00 hours today.

R. A. F. RAIDS BERLIN

It is officially announced that R. A. F. bombers were over Germany in very great strength during Thursday night. A synthetic oil plant at Politz and other targets were attacked. Mosquitos attacked Berlin.

The R. A. F. also attacked marshalling yards at Hohenbudberg between Krefeld and Duisburg. Halifaxes dropped a great weight of bombs on a synthetic oilplant at Wanne Eickel. In the nights operations at least three German aircraft were destroyed. Sixteen Allied aircraft are missing.

U.S. AIR H.Q. FRANCE, Feb. 9: It is officially announced that about 1,300 U. S. heavy bombers and more than 850 fighters today attacked a synthetic oil plant at Lutzkendorf 13 miles south of Halle, an armament and motor transport plant at Weimar and railroad marshalling yard at Magdeburg.—Reuter.

WAVELLS LEAVE MYSORE

MYSORE Feb. 9: Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Wavell and party left Mysore this morning after fulfilling a crowded programme during their stay of over five days in the State.—A. P.

Punjab May Ban League Procession

(From Our Correspondent).

LAHORE, Feb. 9.

The Punjab Government may not allow the presidential procession of the Muslim League's annual session to take place here next month. The reason given by official circles is that Government strictly intends to follow the policy of discouraging communal and political organizations from disturbing public security.

For similar reasons Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's procession was banned last year at Amritsar and Ludhiana.

It is further understood that Government reply refusing the Minto Park for the League's session is forwarded to Mr. Jinnah.

ISSUE OF ITALY'S COLONIES NOT YET SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9: The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph Grew, revealed that the Italian armistice left open the question of Italy's frontier and colonies.

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Delhi Afraid To Strike At South Africa

Dr. N. B. Khare Hauled Up For Not Implementing Reciprocity Act

COWASJI JEHANGIR SURPRISED AT NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTURE

NEW DELHI, February 9.

THE ASSEMBLY PASSED WITHOUT A DIVISION MR. LALCHAND NAVALRAI'S ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO CENSURE THE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR FAILURE TO ADOPT ECONOMIC AND OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

Speeches in support of the motion strongly condemned the Government of India's action in sending a High Commissioner to South Africa to succeed the retiring High Commissioner.

TREATY WITH U. K. ON FREE INDIA BASIS

Sultan Ahmed's Paper For Commonwealth Conference

KARACHI, Feb. 9.—Seven members of the delegation to the British Commonwealth Relations Conference have arrived here today 'en route' to England. They are Sir Maharaj Singh, Sir Buta Singh, Sardar K. M. Panikkar, Prime Minister of Bikaner, Mr. N. C. Mehta, former Sugar Controller, Rai Bahadur Shivraj, Sir B. P. Singh Roy and Mr. Maqbul Muhammad.

The Indian Institute of International Affairs has submitted 19 papers on various subjects of vital importance to the Conference to provide a background for the questions in which the Indian delegation is interested. These papers have been contributed by various experts on the subjects including "A Treaty Between India and the United Kingdom" by Sir Sultan Ahmed, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, in which the whole field of India's interests, political, economic and strategic, in international affairs are reviewed and a proposal made for a treaty between India and Britain on the basis of Indian freedom.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN ATHENS

ELAS Forces To Surrender Arms: 25 Arrested For "Rebellion"

ATHENS, Feb. 9: From Reuters' special correspondent:—

It is reliably learned here to-day that agreement in principle has been reached on the draft disarmament plan elaborated with British military experts whereby ELAS forces would surrender their arms to the British.

It has not been made clear whether this handover would be made to British troops or to a Commission including British representatives. In either case by abandoning their refusal to hand over their arms to a "foreign power" EAM has accepted the only practical solution yet suggested.

This afternoon newspapers published names of 25 persons arrested by the police in Athens today. The arrests were for "participation in rebellion".

PETER IN TROUBLED WATERS AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 9: There has been disagreement between King Peter and the Royal Yugoslav Government in London on the one hand and the National Liberation Committee on the other on the choice of three members of the Regency Council.—Reuter.

GERMAN U-BOATS USE NEW DEVICES

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A joint statement by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill states that German U-Boat activity throughout January was slightly greater than December but the losses of merchant shipping were not substantially different. U-Boats making use of their new devices penetrated further into focal areas of shipping close inshore. The results of counter-measures have been encouraging.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

ALLIED PROGRESS

S.H.A.E.F., Paris, Feb. 9.—Gen. Crerar's front south-east of Nijmegen has now widened to more than six miles and maximum gains of five miles had been made by light this morning.

MOSCOW, Feb. 9.—Fifteen miles of lowlands, or possibly even less, now stand between Marshal Zhukov's forward units and Stettin—and the completion of one of the swiftest and most decisive outflanking movements of the war. Other Soviet troops are within 10 miles of Stargard.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY).

New York, Feb. 9.

Previous Closing	21.23
To-day's Opening	21.25
Difference	+02
To-day's Closing	21.26
Difference	+03

"TO CONDEMN GOVT. IS OUR DUTY"

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai said that his object in moving the motion was not censure the Government for not having applied economic sanctions against the Union of South Africa. If the House did not stand up to condemn the Government for not doing its duty then members of the House would be considered not fit to live. When the question was debated in the House last time Dr. Khare made many assertions and gave hopes of the many things that Government would do but nothing had been done. The feeling in the country was very strong and he hoped Dr. Khare was not occupying his post merely for a job.

DELHI AFRAID TO STRIKE

Mr. G. V. Deshmukh said the Government of India had assured the House that they would enforce the provisions of the Reciprocity Act but it appeared they were afraid to strike. It looked as though Government were even afraid to show to the Union Government that they were in a fighting mood. On the other hand it was a supplicating mood. The Union Government cared a rap for the India Government's representations. Mr. Deshmukh thought that the Government of India was shirking a fight.

Referring to the argument that war efforts would suffer if economic sanctions were imposed Mr. Deshmukh said that the prosecution of the war was the concern of all the members of the Commonwealth. "I ask the Government" he said "to put on the gloves and enter the arena. If the Government has any guts it should show fight, for behind them is the whole country." He urged the recall of the Indian High Commissioner.

Sir Syed Raza Ali said that the position of Indians in the Union was so grave that the Government could not postpone any longer the imposition of trade sanctions and stopping their High Commissioner from proceeding to South Africa.

After briefly reviewing the position of Indians in the Union Sir Raza Ali said that the Cape Town Agreement laid down that it was the duty of every civilized Government to devise ways and means for the uplift of every section of their permanent population to the full extent of their capacity and opportunity. The Indian High Commissioner was appointed in South Africa to see that Indians had that opportunity to advance. Now that the Cape Town Agreement had been given the go-by was there any point in keeping our diplomatic representative in the Union?

Sir Raza Ali said the deathknell of the Cape Town Agreement was sounded by Field Marshal Smuts when the Pegging Act was passed.

APPLY TRADE SANCTIONS

What action he asked, had the Government of India taken so far to impose economic sanctions? The Union depended on India for 99 per cent. of her jute imports and he had seen a report that it had already placed an order for five million pounds of jute from

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Deshmukh Leaves For South Africa

NEW DELHI, February 9: It is understood that Mr. R. N. Deshmukh, the new High Commissioner for South Africa, left for South Africa this week.—United Press.

RAJEN BABU NOT IN GOOD HEALTH

Ran Temperature Last Week And Cough Persists

PATNA, Feb. 9.

Mr. Phulan Prasad Varma, Advocate, Patna High Court, who has just been released after detention of about 30 months and was living with Dr. Rajendra Prasad in jail a few months before his release, interviewed by the "United Press", said that Rajen Babu had not been keeping good health. He was having temperature for the last one week. He was, however, free from fever for the last three days, but cough persisted.

Mr. Varma stated that the book on Pakistan which Dr. Rajendra Prasad is writing is divided into three parts. The first two parts are nearly complete. In the first part, he has discussed the two-nation theory and the various schemes based on it. In second, he has examined the practicability of Pakistan as envisaged in the Lahore Resolution of the Muslim League. In the third, he would offer constructive suggestion for the solution of the problem.—United Press.

SATYAVATI WINS

LAHORE, Feb. 9.

It is understood that the Government have decided to remove restrictions imposed on Mrs. Satyavati, a Congress leader of Delhi who after her release from jail was asked to live within the precincts of Guladeei Hospital, Lahore.

Mrs. Satyavati, it may be stated, sent a notice to the Delhi Administration that if the restrictions on her were not removed before February 14 she would defy the same by leaving for Delhi by the 'Bhatinda Express that day.—United Press.

"C. R." PREDICTS 'GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN'

MADRAS, Feb. 9: Mr. C. Rajagopalachari to-day forecast "great things to happen" in the political situation in the country as the result of the efforts of the Sapru Committee. He was speaking at a function arranged to felicitate Mr. M. Tirumal Rao on his success at the by-election to the Council of State.

Mr. Tirumal Rao said that his success at the election was a proof of the loyalty of the people to the Congress and he assured the people that he would spare no pains to further the cause of the Congress and the country.

G. M. SYED FLYING TO BOMBAY

KARACHI, Feb. 9: Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Povincial Muslim League, this morning flew to Bombay where he has been invited by Mr. M. A. Jinnah for a discussion on the present political situation in Sind.—A. P.

IRANIAN STUDENTS FOR INDIA

TEHERAN, Feb. 9: The first batch of eleven Iranian students to join Indian Universities is leaving Teheran shortly. Four will join Lyallpur Agricultural College, two Rangers College at Dehra Dun for training in forestry. Threee others are taking a course in engineering in the Delhi University and two will take training in the Textile Department of the Delhi University. The cost of their education and living is being borne by the Government of India.—Reuter.

Malan's Censure Motion Against Smuts Fails

CAPETOWN, Feb. 8.

The motion of censure by the leader of the Opposition, Dr. Malan, was rejected by 96 votes to 45 in the House of Assembly today after a debate lasting several days.

The amendment by General Smuts "that the House expresses full confidence in the Government" was passed by 92 to 40 and the amended motion was then adopted.

German Resistance In Lower Alsace Ceases

New Canadian Offensive Making Headway According To Plan

LONDON, Feb. 9: All organisedGerman resistance on the west bank of the Rhine in Lower Alsace has ceased, writes Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Sixth Army Group. The Rhine is now clear along the west bank from the Swiss border to points about 10 miles north of Strasbourg.

The new Canadian attack, south-east of Nijmegan has gained nearly three miles in places, according to a message from Field Marshal Montgomery's Headquarters.

General Crerar's new attack made a general advance of between 3000 and 4,000 yards and up to nearly three miles at points. The Allies are through the forward defences south-east and east of Nijmegen and are now getting into the main defences. One thousand prisoners have been taken. The towns of Wyler, Zijfflich Erlekom, and Kranenburg were taken without major German reaction. Opposition was keener further south where Bruuk and Dent Heuvel were taken.

The advance continues according to plan. Fighting is still in its early stages and the Germans barely had time to recover fully from eleven hours of death hurled at them by hundreds of guns in the first stages of artillery bombardment.

The 9th United States Air Force in yesterday's operations dropped a total of 1236 tons of bombs on Rhineland communications in support of the Canadian Army offensive in Holland for the loss of seven fighter-bombers and one bomber.

General Eisenhower's 'communique' adds. Fighting is in progress in the outer defences of the Siegfried Line.

A later message from Reuter's special correspondent with British and Canadian forces in Germany cables: Allied troops are now fighting inside the outer defences of the Siegfried Line, which was found to be weaker than expected. All defence works so far encountered have been of earth and not very strongly held. Nowhere on the front so far have the Germans been able to match the power the Allies are putting against them either in guns, tanks or men, and there is no sign that the Germans are bringing up large numbers of reinforcements.

AWARDS TO SERVICE MEN EXPLOSION AND FIRE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9.

The following awards for gallantry in connection with the explosion and subsequent fire at Bombay Docks on April 14, 1944, have been approved, says a Press Note:

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B.E.M. (MILITARY)

Sgt. (now Cadet) R. R. L. Young, G. M. Royal Artillery, Sgt. W. Jones, I.E.M.E., Sepoy Rinchen, I.E.M.E.

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FOR GALLANTRY IN CITY

Bhulabhai's Coalition Move Resented

PATNA, Feb. 8.

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Bihar Provincial Momin Jamait held here adopted a resolution expressing dissatisfaction and resentment at the reported activities of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai for forming Coalition Governments both at the Centre and in the provinces with Muslim League.—A.P.

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LALJIBHAI J. THAKKAR.

In his speech the Raja Saheb sounded a note of warning against any departure from strict banking principles, for if a bank did not pursue them strictly, there is bound to be a crisis in the post-war period. "India should have an economic plan of its own" continued the Raja Saheb, "without imitating the west, so as to compete in the post-war reconstruction period." He congratulated the directors on their ambitious programme, and, wishing the bank all success, formally declared the branch open.

Mr. Gcolamhussain Sonawalla, one of the new directors, proposed a vote of thanks.

Rationing Officer's Strange Order

MADRAS, Feb. 9.

A report from Tellicherry says that the Rationing Officer of the Malabar District has ordered temporary clerks employed in various offices to produce certificates from the sub-Inspector of Police or the stationary sub-Magistrate having jurisdiction over their places that they have not taken any part in any political activities and their antecedents are satisfactory.

The Rationing Officer has ordered that certificates must be produced within fifteen days and that otherwise the services of defaulting clerks would be dispensed with.—United Press.

2,000,000 SQ. YDS. OF COTTON CLOTH FOR INDIA

LONDON, Feb. 8: About 2,000,000 square yards have been allocated for the Indian market in the new list of cotton cloth export allocations for the first period of 1945, just announced by the Cotton Board. The Indian market had previously been excluded from the allocation list of a considerable time. Cloths for India are confined to European styles.

Total quantities allocated to cotton cloth converters are about the same as for the previous period some 70,000,000 square yards, of which 20 per cent is held in reserve for free production. Permits will be granted later.—Globe.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE, CALCUTTA, Feb. 9.

The market showed further appreciation for coals, jutes and teas while others remained steady and unaltered. Government securities were unchanged.

Following are to-day's final transactions upto 2 p.m.

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1953/55 100 s lot; Three per cent Victory 1957 99/8; Three and half per cent Govt. Paper 99/6; Reserve Bank 132.

COTTONS: Dunbar 311; Muir Mills 426; Cawnpore Textiles 13; Elgin Mills 64; New Victoria Ordy 7/6; do (pref) 9/4.

COALS: Bhalgora 18/11; Bokaro and Ramgur 49/6; Bara Dhemo 13/11 Central Kurkend 34/8; Deoli 19; Dhemo Main 28/6; Ghusick and Muslia 16/11; New Beerbhoom 38/1; Raneegunge 50/12; Satpukuria and Asansol 9; Sendra 25/8; South Karanpura 30/7; Standard 41; East Indian 34/8; Katras Jherriah 65/8; Talcher 12/12.

JUTES: Anglo-India 455; Bally 360; Champdany 260; s lot; Dalhousie 353; Kamarhatty 671/8; Kanknarrah 570; Nuddea 127/4; Presidency 11/14; Reliance 73/2; Indian 690; Kelvin 907;

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 5/10; Indian Copper 3/1; Consolidated Tin 3/11; Assam Bengal Cement 17/8; Arthur Butler 24/8; Bhartia Elc Steed 21/4; Kumardhubi Eng. 12/1; Jessop and Co. 24; Marahalls 4/14; Saran Eng 10; Aluminium Corpn. 15/12 B I. Corpn 6/7; National Insulated Cable 14/2; Rohtas Industries 17; Spencer and Co. 14/4; British Burma Petroleum 5/7; India Paper Pulp 225; Star Paper 16/2; Sree Gopal Paper 19/4; Titaghur Paper 23/2; Midnapore Zemindary 174; India General Navgn. 186.

SUGARS: Champaran 38/12; New Savan 26/12.

TEAS: Baghmari 18/10; Central Cachar 125/8; East India 17/10; Jaybirpara 42/8; Hasimara 82/4; Ledo 240/8; Rajgarh 23/14.—A. P.

Security Demand Set Aside By High Court

'Forum' Editor Succeeds

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla, Mr. Justice Lokur and Mr. Justice Weston.)

Joachim Alva, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the "Forum" ..... Petitioner.

Versus

The Crown ..... Respondent.

This was an application to set aside the order of the Government of Bombay dated 23rd June 1944 passed under Section 7 (3) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act of 1931 calling upon the petitioner to deposit with the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Rs. 2,000 in cash or Government securities on the ground that an editorial headed "Halt This March of the Gallows" in the issue dated 28th May 1944 of the "Forum", an illustrated weekly news-magazine of Bombay, contained words which expressed approval or admiration of the offence of murder or of persons who had committed such offence within the terms of Section 4 (1) (b) of the Press Act.

At the outset, the Advocate-General stated to the Court that he would contend that the impugned article contained words which also fell with the mischief contemplated by Section 4 (1) (d) of the Press Act as tending to bring the Government or the administration of Justice into hatred or contempt. Their Lordships ruled that it was not open to the Advocate-General to rely on sub-clause (d) of Section 4 in view of the fact that the notice issued to the petitioner by the Government under Section 7 (3) was confined to sub-clause (b) of Section 4. Mr. Justice Lokur stated in his judgment that this notice was a sort of charge and the Government could not go beyond it.

Mrs. Alva, advocate for the petitioner, referred Their Lordships to the case of Bal Gangadhar Tilak (22 Bom. L.R. 139) for the proposition that the Court must bear in mind the time, the place and the circumstances of the publication and should consider the article as a whole. She then stated that the background of the article was that 16 persons had been sentenced to death in what was popularly known as the Chimur and Ashti murder case. The people of the area were panick-stricken, the press was gagged, nobody was allowed to go to those places, Prof. Bhansali had gone on fast. Mrs. Alva stated that it was under these circumstances that the article was written and the chorus of the whole song was that the sentences of death passed on these 16 accused should be commuted, specially in view of the release of Gandhiji and the chances of a political settlement in the country. She stated that as a result of the agitation carried on by the press, the sentences on 8 of these persons were actually commuted subsequently. She submitted that Their Lordships should construe the article in a fair, free and liberal spirit and construed as such it did not express approval or admiration of any offence or of persons who had committed it.

The Advocate-General contended on behalf of the Government that the use of the word "victims" in respect of these 16 persons suggested that they had done something praiseworthy.

Lokur J.—"Consider the victim of a vice, one does not admire him". The Advocate-General further contended that the reference in the article to the accused in the Sholapur murder case as "patriots" also expressed admiration for them.

Weston J.—So, it boils down to one word in the whole article.

Lokur J.—Even patriots may commit offences.

JUDGMENT.

Delivering the main judgment in the case, Mr. Justice Chagla observed that Their Lordships had no doubt that the main and perhaps the only purpose of the article was to make a strong plea for the commutation of the sentences of death passed on the 16 accused in the Chimur and Ashti murder cases, and that in making an eloquent plea for that purpose, the writer expressed himself against capital punishment and pointed out in the article that there was always a possibility of error. With reference to the arguments of the Advocate-General, Mr. Justice Chagla stated that it was really impossible to judge the article merely by looking at three words wrenched from the context. Mr. Justice Chagla concluded by saying that Their Lordships had scrutinized this article carefully and failed to find not only any approval or admiration of these 16 men but even any suggestion to that effect.

Mr. Justice Lokur and Mr. Justice Weston delivered separate but concurring judgments.

Their Lordships therefore set aside the order of Government, and made the Rule absolute with costs in favour of the petitioner.

Mrs. Violet Alva with Mr. H. Depeha and Mr. S. S. Gupte appeared for the petitioner.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer, with the Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

Solution Of Deadlock

Kelkar On Bhulabhai's Efforts

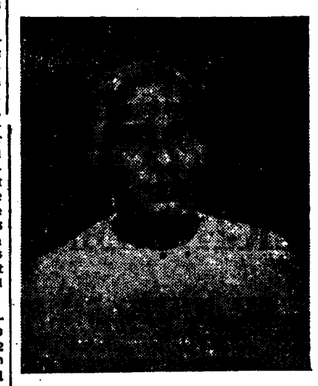
MIRAJ, Feb. 9.

"The efforts of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai will be on right lines, provided the real objective is to have a bonafide coalition of all representative parties in the country and not the sheer ascendency of the Congress or the communal sharing of fifty-fifty", said Mr. N. C. Kelkar, who has arrived here, in an interview to the "United Press".

Continuing, he said: "The further question then would be what real powers such a coalition will have. This will prepare the way for the institution of a Constituent Assembly.

"Personally, I shall be glad if any contribution the Sapru Committee may be able to make in co-operation with the other political parties including the Hindu Mahasabha to the solution of the deadlock.

"All useful constructive political activities deserve to be harnessed in the common national interest, leaving aside for a time the differences of opinion which after all are not very material from the political point of view".—United Press.



Mr. M. Thirumala Row, Congress candidate, declared elected to the Council of State in the by-election, Madras, with a thumping majority. Four of his five opponents lost their security deposits.

GRADUAL JAIL DELIVERY IN SIND

KARACHI, Feb. 9: The Government of Sind has decided to pursue a policy of gradual jail delivery, and is reviewing individual cases of Congressmen detained in Sind jails.

At present Congressmen detained in Sind jails number 23, including four Assembly members and Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram.—A. P.

M. L. A. Released On Grounds Of Health

KARACHI, Feb. 9: Seth Issardas Vardanmal M.L.A. (Congress) who had been detained since August, 1942, was released from Karachi jail this afternoon on grounds of health.

Restrictions On Student

LAHORE, Feb. 9: The order under the Resistriction and Detention Ordinance against Mr. Harbhajan Singh Ahluwalia, a fifth year student of Dayal Singh College, has been cancelled and a fresh order served which along with other clauses of restrictions asks him not to be absent from Room No. 17 of Ram Mohan Roy Hostel, Lahore between sunset and sunrise.

The previous order on Mr. Ahluwalia required him to stay during that period in his room on Mela Ram Road and he had made a representation to the Government requesting for the change of residence.—United Press.

Kulasekharapatnam Case Appeal In Privy Council

MADRAS, Feb. 9.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar announces that the contributions to the Kulasekharapatnam Defence amount to Rs. 11,342, out of which a sum of Rs. 9,000 was sent to London for expenses in connection with the Privy Council appeal and Rs. 1,000 for expenditures in India for preparation of records and other work at Delhi.

Information has been received that the India Office solicitors are moving for rejection of the appeal by the Privy Council summarily since the appeals involving similar questions of law have been dismissed by the Council. The Counsel for the prisoners, Mr. D. N. Pritt has been instructed to oppose the above application and press for full hearing of the appeal on its merits. A representation has also been made to the Viceroy for commutation of the sentences passed on the prisoners.—United Press.

Mahatma's Condolence To Lady Chhoturam

LAHORE, Feb. 9: The United Press' learns that Mahatma Gandhi has written to Lady Chhoturam deeply condoling the death of her illustrious husband and praying to God that he might give her strength to bear it. Gandhiji further said in his letter to Lady Chhoturam that when he received a letter from Sir Chhoturam a few days ago, he never thought that Sir Chhoturam's end was so near.—United Press.

FINED FOR ATTEMPTING TO OFFER BRIBE

(From Our Correspondent.)

INDORE, Feb. 9: Mr. Kunwarsen Jatav, a Government-nominated member of the Bharatpur State Legislative Council has been sentenced to undergo six months' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 200, for an attempt to offer a bribe worth Rs. 400 to the Chief Justice of the State.

Another report of offering illegal gratification in Bharatpur says that one contractor of liquor has been arrested on an alleged charge of offering Rs. 1,000 as bribe to the Revenue Minister of Bharatpur State in order to get renewed his licence for sale of liquor. The contractor has been released on a bail of Rs. 2,000 states a later message.

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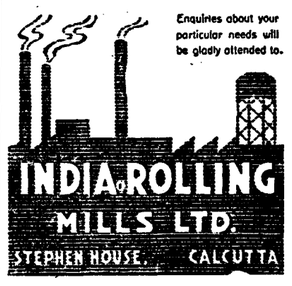

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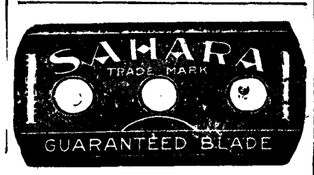

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New Rates For Tea And Coffee In Restaurants

Establishments To Buy Ready-Made Curds Or Buttermilk

As already announced, the Government of Bombay issued an Order on January 25, 1945 prohibiting, from February 15, 1945, the restaurants, residential hotels and clubs catering for non-residents and hawkers of tea and coffee in Bombay City from using any kind of cow's or buffalo's milk (including tinned milk) in the preparation of tea, coffee, curds or butter-milk and from serving any of these articles prepared from such milk. Since then, the Government has amended the Order with a view to preventing establishments to which the Order applies from dealing in tinned milk or in fresh milk and also with a view to meeting the wishes of the hotel-keepers and boarding house-keepers that they should be allowed to obtain curds and buttermilk made of whole milk, for use in the dinner service. A press note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, says that the amendments have been published in the "Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary", of February 9.

One of the amendments prevents a person in charge of an establishment from keeping or storing cow's or buffalo's milk (including tinned milk) in his establishment. The establishments concerned having tinned milk should apply before February 15, 1945 to the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay for obtaining the necessary licence. On and after that date, unless a licence has been obtained, sale of tinned milk by such establishments would be illegal.

Under the other amendment, the establishments would still be prohibited from buying any kind of cow's or buffalo's milk for the purpose of making curds or buttermilk. They are, however, not prevented from buying in the market readymade curds or buttermilk. There is also no objection to the restaurants using the surplus powder for preparing curds and buttermilk.

The Government has made another Order under which, except with the written permission of the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, the Supply of skim milk powder to any person in Bombay City, the purchase of skim milk powder in Bombay City otherwise than on a permit and the transport of skim milk powder beyond the limits of Bombay City have been prohibited with effect from February 15, 1945. Any person possessing skim milk powder and desiring to dispose of his stock, should therefore, obtain written permission from the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

The Order has been published in the "Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary" of February 9, 1945.

New Rates For Tea And Coffee In Restaurants

The Government of Bombay has issued an Order directing that on and after February 15, the prices to be charged for readymade tea and coffee by restaurants and hawkers of tea and coffee in Bombay City shall not exceed one anna for a cup containing six fluid ounces of tea and one and half annas for a cup containing similar quantity of coffee.

The order applies to all establishments wherein is carried on, whether or not in addition to any other form of business, the business of purveying tea or coffee to the public or any class of the public and to hawkers of tea and coffee. When the order comes into force no person in charge of such establishment and no hawker can refuse to serve tea or coffee on payment of the fixed prices. The order requires every person in charge of a restaurant to display a copy of it in a conspicuous place near the counter and every hawker to keep a copy of it with himself and to produce it on demand by a customer for his inspection.

The Order has been published in the "Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary" of February 9, 1945, says a press note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay.

Skimmed Milk Powder

The Honorary Secretary of the Bombay and Suburban Hotel Keeper's Association in the course of a statement with reference to the ban on the use of unskimmed milk by hotels and restaurants says:—

The statements that are being published in the papers on behalf of the Government are likely to create misunderstanding in the public mind that the hotel-keepers are opposed to subsidized milk scheme. Therefore we make it clear that the hotel-keepers welcome the present scheme providing milk to infants, expectant nursing mothers at the subsidized rate but for the ways adopted by the Government for its enforcement.

It is announced by the Government that the skimmed milk powder contains no fat but it retains all other nutritive elements of milk as well as its vitamin quality. I ask what remains therein when the milk is deprived of its cream contents. The basis to determine the quality of milk is the quantity of fat ingredient contained in milk.

Government say that it is not possible to introduce rationing of milk. If milk rationing is not possible, how have all the novel schemes of rationing already introduced become feasible? If it is possible to import such powder from foreign countries in such abnormal days, why is it impossible to introduce milk rationing in Bombay? Why did not Government try to import buffaloes and provide stable accommodation for them? Milk is available from Gujarat to the extent of full requirements. Why do the Government not make the necessary arrangements for its import from Gujarat? If such arrangements are made, it would greatly minimise the present gravity of the milk problem.

We therefore request the Government not to make the use of the milk powder compulsory and to withdraw their ban.

SELECTIONS FOR TODAY'S RACES

ALIJAH POSSESSES OUTSTANDING CHANCE IN RAJPIPLA GOLD CUP

By Our Racing Correspondent

The Maharaja of Gwalior's Alijah possesses outstanding chance in the day's chief event, the Rajpipla Gold Cup.

Gwalior-owned Jaiwant and Micky Mouse are also greatly fancied in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: 1 Army And Navy, 2 Jai dev, 3 St. Etienne.

2nd race: 1 Lalaji, 2 Tantalum, 3 Chandrakant.

3rd race: 1 Ward Al Jiyad, 2 Janab 3 Hubb Al Watan.

4th race: 1 Sweet Dream, 2 Rath 3 Winlad.

5th race: 1 Goodwill if ab. Royal Wedding, 2 Rentenmark, 3 Cent Per Cent.

6th race: 1 Alijah, 2 Baqlava, 3 Apsapi.

7th race: 1 Jaiwant, 2 Bluetoi, 3 Truefit.

8th race: 1 Windsor Pie, 2 Flower of Lashkar, 3 Masked Raider.

9th race: Micky Mouse, 2 Fadilhat Al Garb, 3 Ala Honak.

Dark Flukes: Stolen Kiss and Harut.

Akkad's Appeal To Senate

Mr. B. J. Akkad has addressed a letter to the members of the Senate of the Bombay University, a special meeting of which is to be held to-day (Saturday). He contends that he is innocent and in support of his stand urges several arguments. He states that even the charge that he attempted to induce Prof. Oke to increase the marks of Miss Nerurkar has not been proved, that Prof. Oke made contradictory statements and that the evidence of Mr. Bhise a clerk in the Registrar's Office shows that the figures were restored after the marksheets were handed over by him to the University.

According to him there is clearly an error of judgment in the decision arrived at by the Syndicate.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

SATURDAY, Feb. 10.

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244 m. (7,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Kumar Gandhary. 8-45 Gottuvadyam. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow. 9-15 Abdus Salaam. 9-30 Master Shambhu. 9-45 Gujarati Songs. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi Songs. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Variety. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music. 5-0 Vijaya W. Desai. 5-30 Pinakin Trivedi. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Saturday at Six. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 Film Music. 7-0 Sandeshe. 7-15 Kumar Gandharv. 7-45 Sarangi Recital. 8-0 Abdus Salaam. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 For the Universities (E). 9 Our Universe: Its Structure. Talk in English Prof. M. J. Maclean. 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay. 9-45 Abdus Salaam. 10 Pinakin Trivedi. 10-15 Sundra Bai. 10-30 Kumar Gandharv.

KASTURBA ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations Throughout City: Prayers, Meetings And Spinning

Mr. S. K. Patil writes:—

"Congress workers in Bombay will observe the Kasturba Anniversary on Sunday. (Feb. 11) by saluting the National Flag and doing sacrificial spinning in the morning and holding a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. at the Laxminarayan Baug, Opp. Bombay Glass Works, 'Y' Road, off Lady Jamshedji Road, Dadar, Bombay. Shri Nagindas T. Master, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside over this prayer meeting.

Under the auspices of the Women's organisation Committee of the Congress another prayer meeting for women will be held at the Vanita Vishram Hall, Sandhurst Road, at 4 p.m. (N.S.T.) on Sunday, Shrimati Kamaladevi will preside.

Harijan programmes will be held in different wards of the City.

Celebrations By Ward Committees

The Girgaum District Congress Committee has fixed up the following programme on Sunday, 11th February 1945:—

At 9 a.m. (N.S.T.): Flag Salutation at Pitale Mansion, at the Junction of Vithalbhai Patel Road and Kandewadi Street, C. P. Tank. Mrs. Jayashri Raiji will hoist the Flag.

At 10 a.m. (N.S.T.): Collective Spinning for one hour at Model Industrial School, near Jinnah Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road.

At 3 p.m. (N.S.T.): Women's Sammelan and Prayer at Model Industrial School, near Jinnah Hall. Smt. Avantikabai Gakhale, Smt. Sushila Pai, Dr. Miss Shanta Saptarshi and others will speak.

Under the joint auspices of Tardeo and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitees the following programmes are fixed up:—

Sunday, (11th Feb.): To join in all the programmes arranged by the Girgaum District Congress Committee.

At 7-35 p.m. (N.S.T.): First Talk at the Study Class of Congress Workers organised by the Samitees by Miss Kapila Khandvala, Secretary of the Municipal Schools Committee on "Congress Workers and removal of Mass illiteracy".

From Sunday, (11th) to Thursday, (22nd): For all these 11 days there will be Spinning followed by Prayer at Shri Ram Nivas, Frere Bridge Low Level, Grant Road between 8 and 9 a.m. and at the office of the Tardeo Taluka Congress Samitee, 78, Sleater Road, Grant Road between 7 and 8 p.m. (N.S.T.).

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR HARIJANS.

The Services to Harijan Committee of the Congress has fixed up the following programme:—

Sunday, (11th Feb.) at 9 a.m. (N.S.T.): Flag Salutation under the joint auspices of the Committee and Mahim Dharavi Taluka Congress Samittee at Dharavi. This will be followed by Sports of Harijan Children of the locality.

There will be a prayer and Sammelan of Harijans at Dharavi in the evening.

Monday. (12th Feb.) Opening a Shibeer of Physical training for Harijans at Byculla.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 13, 2001.
Muslim: Safar 26, 1364.
Parsi: Shehrever 10, 1314.
Sunrise: 6-10 a.m. Sunset: 7-37 p.m.
Hightide: 10-44, 24-16.
Lowtide: 5-30, 17-08.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

Attention of Jurors summoned for the current Criminal Sessions and the ensuing Criminal Sessions is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

PUBLIC LECTURE: The last lecture of the series "Soviet Union and the World" to-day at 6-30 p.m., at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, when Dr. Adhikari will speak on "Soviet Union and the future of Asia."

MUSIC CONCERT: By Menkabai Shirodkar (Belgaum) under management of Bombay Brothers Circle, 9-30 p.m., Wagle Hall, Kandewadi.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Shri Mahadeva Bhatta, Yoga Tutor, Shri Yogashala Jagmohan Palace, Mysore, will deliver a lecture on 'Yogasastra' at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, at 5-30 p.m., to-day. The lecture will be followed by a demonstration of various yogic asanas.

S. I. E. SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL: The Students of the South Indian Education Society's High School, Matunga will put on boards Manohara in Tamil and Mudra Rakshasa in Sanskrit at 9-0 p.m. on the 10th and 11th inst., respectively in the school hall in aid of the School Building Fund.

SALE OF WORK AND FUN FAIR.

To-day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. At the Y. W. C. A. Hall, Mayo Road Fort, in aid of the Diocesan Hindustani Mission and St. Paul's Church, Byculla. The Bishop of Bombay will open the Sale at 10 a.m.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION, MATUNGA.

Mr. G. Hari Sarvothama Rau the Andhra leader will give a lecture on "Adult Education," at 7 p.m., at the South Indian Association under the joint auspices of the Bombay Kannada Sabha, the Mysore Association and the South Indian Association.

VENUE CHANGED: Due to unavoidable circumstances the venue of the meeting to be held under the auspices of the All-India Students Congress where Sheikh Mahomed Abdulla of Kashmir is to speak has been changed from the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall to Sunderabai Hall near Churchgate. Time of the meeting is 5 p.m. Smt. Kamaladevi will preside.

JAMIAT-UL-MUSLIMEEN JANJIRA STATE.—Second Annual General Meeting at Begmohamad Baug, Mohd. Ali Road at 9-30 p.m. today.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.—Prof. Pandya will speak on "Treasure of the Sea" in Gujarati in the Royal Institute of Science, Ground Floor, today at 4 p.m.

RADICAL STUDENTS UNION:—Campaign for popularising Roy's Constitution—Public Discussion today (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Dadar Office of the R.S.U.

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY....Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, will deliver a lecture on different schools of Vedanta Philosophy at Ballard's Institute today at 3-30 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "How Shall We Regenerate Ourselves?—The Message of Mahashivratri" will be the subject of a free public lecture to be delivered at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain, on Sunday evening, at 6-15 p.m.

"KAMIANO"—The St. Xavier's College Sodalities will play "Kamiano" in three acts today in the College Hall at 9 p.m. when Sir Leonard Stone, Chief Justice of Bombay, will preside.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION:—Dr. G. Adhikari, editor "People's War" will speak on "Soviet Union and the Future of Asia" at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Rd. Girgaum, at 6-30 p.m. today.

MEETING AT MULJI JETHA MARKET:—A special meeting to discuss the present situation of the cloth markets will be held today Saturday at Mulji Jetha Market at 9 p.m. when Seth Harkisondas Mehra will preside.

MALAYALEE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION: "Track and Field Sports Meet" for members of the Association on Sunday (tomorrow) at 4 p.m. at the V.J.T.I. Ground, Matunga. Competitors who have not given their names so far may inform Secretary. Mr. P. M. Joseph, B.A., B.P.E., Principal, Physical Training Institute, Kandivli will preside.

BOMBAY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Bombay Library Association will be held at People's Free Reading Room and Library, Dhobitalao at 5 p.m. to request the Government to withdraw the order requisitioning the premises of the People's Free Reading Room and Library.

SHEIKH MOHD. ABDULLA TO ADDRESS STUDENTS

Sheikh Mohd. Abdulla, President of the All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, will address a public meeting under the auspices of All-India Students' Congress at Marwari Vidyalaya Hall today at 6 p.m.

R.A.F. ATHLETIC MEETING

The second annual R.A.F. Athletic meeting will be held at the Brabourne Stadium today and Sunday.

The popular feature of the meeting will be the Inter Services events in which the Army and Navy have been asked to compete. The most popular of these will be the 10,000 metres Cycle Race in which the R.A.F. will be represented by Cpl. Rhead and Lac Nelson. Cpl. Rhead has figured in many local cycling events since he had been in Bombay and is well known to local fans and cyclists.

JINNAH DAY.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, a public meeting of the Mussalmans of Bombay will be held at 10 p.m. (S. T.), at Kaiser Bagh Dongri, to celebrate the 68th birthday of Quaide-Azam. Mr. I. I. Chundrigar will preside.

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RENEWAL OF RATION CARDS IN CITY AND SUBURBS

(WEEK—FEBRUARY 11 TO FEBRUARY 17).

The work of renewing the current ration cards in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District by pasting slips over the reverse side will be done during the week February 11 to February 17 at the shops mentioned below.

Those whose cards are registered at any of these shops should send all the cards of the household on the usual day during the week when they normally draw their rations and get them renewed. Cards should be got renewed even if no rations are drawn during the week.

RATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DRAWN ON UNRENEWED CARDS DURING SUBSEQUENT WEEKS.

The hours for renewal and also for issue of rations at ration shops concerned during the week will be 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at the Government Grain Shops 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 9, 17, 350, 351, 352, 512 and 513. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP No. 1.

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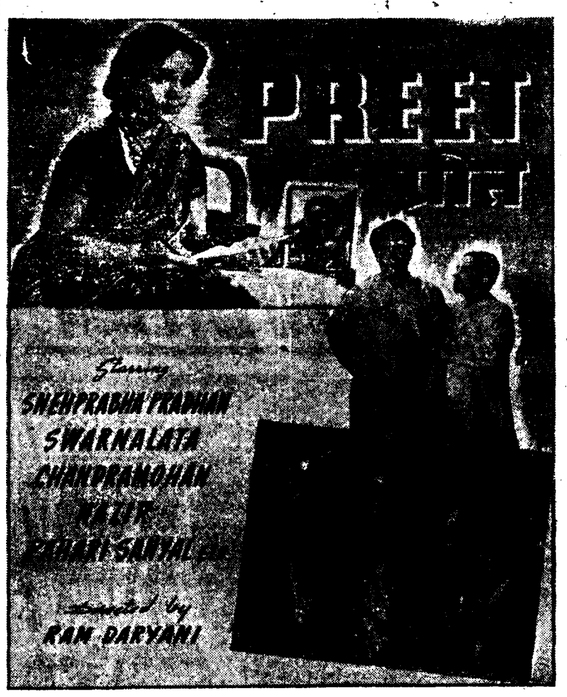

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Soviets Shell Nazi Defences 30 Miles From Berlin

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.

A general crackup in the Guderians-Oder line appears imminent as Marshal Zhukov applies heavy pressure in the sector due east of Berlin writes Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Soviet guns are shelling German defences at points hardly more than 30 miles from the Reich capital according to frontline messages.

The struggle east of the Oder from the north-west of Kuestrin right down to the south of Frankfurt is almost over To the south-east Marshal Koniev's armies after forcing the river barrier on a broad front and driving well beyond the west bank are now heading west and north-west in a double drive to roll up the German defences from the flank.

There is still no confirmation of the German reports that Marshal Zhukov has already made one crossing of the Oder north of Kuestrin, but it seems the time for the establishment of another mighty Oder bridgehead is drawing near.

Kuestrin may yet prove another hard nut to crack and the city of Frankfurt itself cannot be dealt with until Marshal Zhukov is ready to cross the river. But in both sectors the Red Army is making important gains.

The Germans have been making resolute efforts to knock out Red Air Force air fields on this front—and the Russians have replied with raids on Luftwaffe aerodromes.

This bitter struggle is still going on over a wide area east and west of the Oder. On Marshal Koniev's trans-Oder front the main effort is being directed to crushing German river bank fortifications. It appears the encirclement of Breslau will soon have been achieved.

Kreuzburg Captured

Kreuzburg, few miles south of Koenigsberg, has been captured by the Red Army, says tonight's Soviet communique.

The text of the communique says: "During February 8 as a result of stubborn fighting our troops in East Prussia, south of Koenigsberg, captured Kreuzburg as well as a number of other inhabited localities.

South-east of Stargard (east of Stettin) our troops in German Pomerania occupied the town of Bernstein as well as another town and over 100 inhabited localities.

"South-west of Crackow our troops operating in difficult wooded and hilly country fought their way into over 40 inhabited places. In Budapest our troops continued operations for the liquidation of the encircled garrison in the western part of the town and occupied several blocks of houses.

The other towns captured south-east of Stargard include Reetz (21 miles east south-east of Stargard), Berkenbruegge 30 miles south-east of Stargard) and Liebenow 20 miles south of Stettin and ten miles east of the Oder.

GEN. CATROUX ON WAY TO MOSCOW

Has No Official Mission About Syria And Lebanon

PARIS, Feb. 8.

The new French Ambassador to Moscow, General George Catroux, who left yesterday to take up his post has no official mission concerning Syria and Lebanon, the French foreign spokesman said today. He is only going through Beirut on the way to Moscow.

BOMBAY, A KEY POINT IN INDIA BASE

C.-in-C.'s Address To Army And Navy Officers

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

"Mentally and physically, we must be geared up for the future. There must be no wishful thinking and without being pessimistic, we must take a realistic view of the progress of the war. This was the gist of the informal talk by the C.-in-C. in India General Sir Claude Auchinleck, to army officers and officers of the Royal Indian Navy in Bombay on Thursday.

The C.-in-C. impressed upon those present that they were playing a big part in the war against Japan, and as time went on, their responsibilities would be still greater. He knew that the job of making India into a base ready to support the South East Asia Command was not an exciting one, but it was an important one, in fact, a vital one. He pointed out that Bombay was a key point—one of the most important, and it needed to be as efficient as could be made. From what he had seen and heard he realised that a great deal was being done to attain and maintain the efficiency, but he warned that as we succeed more and more against Japan, the strain would be greater. In conclusion he paid a tribute to the efficient manner in which the Bombay Docks had been put back into use after the explosion.

CHINA DOESN'T WANT TO NATIONALIZE BANKS

Restriction Imposed Due To Fact That Many Are Without Proper Capitalization

CHUNGKING, Feb 7: Asked whether "Nationalization of all banks in China is being contemplated since it is understood Government have reduced the number of Commercial Banks and are denying applications for new banks" F. H. Chang, Government Spokesman gave the following answer:

Government does not intend to Nationalize Banks. The restriction to a further increase in its number of Commercial Banks has been due to the fact that there are too many of them functioning without proper capitalization and are not doing legitimate banking business. Chungking alone has about 70 Commercial Banks. Many of them have been criticized for indulging in activities such as speculation and war profiteering which has been partly responsible for the undue rise of prices."

TWO MORE INDIANS AWARDED V. Cs.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The award of three more Victoria Crosses was announced tonight—to two Indians for gallantry in Burma and an English officer in Italy.

The citation says Jemadar acting Subadar Ram Sarup Singh of the first Punjab Regt. though wounded in the legs led a charge against a counter-attack. He bayonetted five Japanese and shot the sixth though wounded again, but the latter fell mortally wounded. "When volunteers were called for to bring the body in the whole company volunteered. His gallantry will inspire the regiment for all time."

Sepoy Bhandari Ram of the 10th Baluch Regiment was climbing a precipitous slope when the platoon was pinned down by heavy fire. Ram was wounded but "with superhuman courage and determination" and although wounded again he crawled to a light machine-gun post and killed three Japanese. Only then he allowed his wounds to be dressed.

"By his outstanding gallantry and determination and entire disregard of own personal safety he enabled the platoon to capture the key to the whole enemy position."

Lieutenant acting Captain John Henry Cound Brunt of the Sherwood Foresters commanded a platoon in a vital sector of the Italian Front on December 9th last when the Germans attacked. "Wherever fighting was heaviest Brunt was always to be found moving from one post to another encouraging his men," says the citation.

At one time he went back to an abendoned position to fetch wounded and at another rode round the positions on the turret of a tank despite a hail of small arms fire. He was killed the next day.—Reuter.

U. S. TROOPS CLEARING MANILA OF JAPS

37th Division Crosses Pasig River To Aid Drive

MANILA, Feb. 9: The Pasig river has been crossed by the American 37th Division aiding the 11 airborne division to clean up remaining Japanese in Manila.—Reuter.

Giant 45,000-Ton U. S. Carriers Under Construction

NEW YORK, Feb. 7: Two giant United States 45,000-ton aircraft carriers will be launched within the next two months it is announced. Three such aircraft carriers are under construction.

Zahid Husain For Hyderabad State

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

It is learnt that the Government of India have decided to release Mr. Zahid Husain, Financial Commissioner, Railway Board, after the budget session for employment as Finance Minister in Hyderabad State.

Mr. A. C. Turner will succeed Mr. Zahid Hussain.—Orient Press.

Indian Merchants' Chamber

The following Individual Members and Associations have been co-opted on the Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the year 1945:

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FAMINE CONDITIONS IN MALABAR DISTS.

N.M. Joshi Urges Need Of Govt. Effort To Provide Work And Grain At Controlled Rates

Mr. N. M. Joshi (M.L.A. Central) has issued the following press statement.

I visited relief centres in Shertellai Talqu on January 28, at Aroor, Kuthiathodu, Caasvamcodam and Shertellai. I saw more than 2,000 people who were given on the occasion cooked food and gains in these centres.

Week hands and legs and enlarged stomach were found in some of the children. Some of the women were anaemic in condition. In one centre a few tapiocca chips and some kind of gram were distributed for which a large number have come from long distances, thereby, indicating their poverty and struggle for Lving.

The Servants of India Society is subsidising certain relief agencies running a home for children and feeding 2,400 school children. But relief should be undertaken by Government, if the problem is to be fully solved.

The commodities which poorer people require such as grams and fishes shoul be controlled and made available. The prices should be equated to those in British India and food grains should be sold at lower price to the poorer classes. Government ought to see that village coir spinners get a proper wage suited to the present cost of living index which is not less than 2-1/2 times pre-war, start more work for the unemployed and conduct noonday feeding of children.

In this connection I find that the Cochin Government are spending Rs. 60,000 every month of which one-third is contributed by Government and two-thirds by the public on noonday feeding of school children.

"Bengal Hopes To Be Self-Sufficient In Drugs"

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

Mr. K. Shahabuddin, Minister for Commerce and Industries, addressing a Conference of Manufacturers of Indigenous Drugs at the Secretariat today, expressed the hope that with a comprehensive and intelligent policy it might be possible to make Bengal self-sufficient in respect of drugs.

"We may be able to supply the needs of other provinces of India and foreign countries in the not long distant future," he added.

8 Destitutes Die In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 8.

There were 8 deaths and 25 admissions of sick destitutes in Calcutta hospitals in the last two days, says a Press Note.—A. P.

RS. 1,37,805 TO EX-SOLDIERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

Aid From Indian Defence Services Benevolent Fund.

The Indian Sailors', Soldiers', and Airmen's Board at the first half-yearly distribution of relief for 1944 from the Indian Defence Services Benevolent Fund made grants amounting to Rs. 1,37,805 to ex-soldiers and their dependants in the various provinces and administrations as shown below:—

Punjab Rs. 48,430; Madras Rs. 39,885; United Provinces Rs. 13,030; North West Frontier Province Rs. 9,800; Rajputana Rs. 7,770; Kashmir (including Poonch) Rs. 5,270; Bombay Rs. 4,350; Punjab States Rs. 2,310; Mysore Rs. 2,160; Hyderabad (Deccan) Rs. 1,410; Nepal (for Gurkha ex-soldiers and their dependants) Rs. 900; Bihar Rs. 480; Deccan States Rs. 480; Bengal Rs. 390; Delhi Rs. 330; Madras States Rs. 270; Central India Rs. 210; Central Provinces Rs. 180; and Orissa Rs. 150.

Among those helped was an old Sowar of the Mardan District with two wives and seven minor children. He was awarded a grant of Rs. 150 for two years for maintenance.

An old and totally blind Sepoy of Rawalpindi District was given a relief of Rs. 150 for two years for maintenance.

Four minor orphan children of a deceased Sepoy of Alwar State were awarded a grant of Rs. 150 for 2 years for maintenance.

Another recipient of relief is a Naik with 9 dependants belonging to Poonch State, Kashmir. He was given a lump sum grant of Rs. 100 for the marriage of his daughter.

The Indian Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board have also made grants amounting to Rs. 32,460 from the newly constituted fund for the dependants of deceased Viceroy's Commissioned and Indian Warrant Officers.

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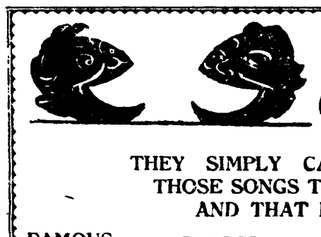

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Western Front Leaps Into Flames

Americans Penetrate German Line North Of Urft Dam

S.H.A.E.F., Feb. 9.

Artillery is thundering over the Dutch end of the Western Front and several hundred prisoners have already been taken in the new offensive launched on Thursday morning by British and Canadian troops of the first Canadian army.

Formidable Attack

The new offensive has set most of the northern half of the Western Front in motion against the harried Germans. While for security reasons the strength of the new attack by British and Canadian troops is not given there are many indications that it is intended to be formidable.

The attack is directed south-east of Nijmegen. Good progress in the early stage is reported. The attack is in the area heavily bombed during Thursday.

The whole front leaped into flame when massed Canadian artillery opened up at 10-30 G.M.T., after the 700 heavy bombers sent by the Bomber Command had smashed at Goche and Cleve.

The attack proper was sprung at 10-30 in the morning but a mighty barrage continued rolling until 3 p.m. in the afternoon while 500 medium and light bombers of the Ninth Tactical United States Air Force smashed at communication centres in Nijmegen, Cleve, Goche, Emerich.

The following statement has been issued from Field Marshal Montgomery's Headquarters: "At 9-30 G.M.T. on Thursday British and Canadian troops of the First Canadian army renewed their offensive. Maximum scale of air support was provided during the night preceding the operation with Gooch and Cleve being heavily bombed. Good progress initially has been made and forward troops have reached the western outskirts of Reichswald forest.

Fighting is going on in the outer defences of the Siegfried Line. Several hundred prisoners have been taken. Full advantage of flying conditions has been utilised by R.A.F. and American Air Forces in strength in support of ground troops."

31 BRIDGES SMASHED

Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters (Thursday night): With orders to "kill and demoralise", Air Marshal Coningham's fighter, fighter-bomber and bomber pilots flying one thousand sorties in support of General Crerar's new offensive today smashed 31 bridges crossing the Rhine in the direction of the west bank, reports Reuter's special correspondent.

GERMAN LINES PIERCED

The German News Agency reported early today that American forces have pierced the German lines north of the Urft Dam on the First Army front in the area of Schleiden.

The Agency added that a counter attack by motorised grenadier formations was later made.

The Third Army's crossings of the rivers Our and Suer have been consolidated. A gain of half a mile in the Echternach area has extended the American lodgment to nearly two miles.

American paratroopers are still fighting in Dasburg four and a half miles east of Clervaux. United States infantry has entered Gondenbrett two miles north-west of Pruem.—Reuter.

Germans May Give Up Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 8: That the Germans may give up Berlin completely as a city and use it purely as a fortress is the view in some circles in Moscow, cables Globe's Stockholm correspondent. The eastern part of Berlin is already reported to have been evacuated and "battened down for the battle which may open on a full scale at any time."—Globe.

Germany Pierced With Countless Wounds

Fallen To Our Lot To Drain Bitter Cup Of Suffering To Dregs, Says Goebbels

LONDON, Feb. 8: The German News Agency quotes Doctor Goebbels as writing in 'Das Reich':

"It has fallen to our lot to drain the bitter cup of suffering to the dregs. The enemy now holds German territories which played the most important part in our war calculations, industrially as well as from the food supply point of view.

The days when we were still able to use the vastness of space as a means of warfare are past. The losses of every village and field, every town and factory which we are forced to yield means direct curtailment of our war potential, quite apart from inflicting grim suffering on countless Germans, even may be to the point of death.

The horsemen of the Apocalypse are racing across the eastern and south-eastern regions of our land. Does anyone really believe that the German command would impose such mountains of suffering, misery and anxiety on its people if there were another way out or another means of escape from the threat that looms ahead?

The tide from the steppes will be halted at the very moment when danger has reached its climax and become visible to all. Until then we must keep cool heads and firm feet even though we bleed from a thousand cuts and scratches, even though the body of our nation is pierced with countless wounds."—Reuter.

DUTCH GOVT. RESIGNS

Liberation Of Greater Part Of Netherlands Brings About Move

LONDON, Feb. 8.

In an official "communique" issued to-night the Dutch Government says: "The course of war since June 1944 has resulted in the liberation of the greater part of south Netherlands with a population of approximately two million but the north is still suffering in ever increasing measure under occupation.

The Netherlands Government which was always meant to resign upon the total liberation of the country has now in connection with the above mentioned circumstances authorised the Prime Minister to offer his resignation of the Cabinet to Her Majesty the Queen.

This has been done to enable Her Majesty to bring the Cabinet into line with the altered circumstance, but it does not in any way affect the original decision of the Netherlands Government to resign on the total liberation of the country.

In addition the Minister of Public Works J. W. Albarda and the Minister of Social Affairs Dr. J. Van Tempel have tendered their resignations because they found themselves in disagreement with the procedure followed by the Prime Minister in furthering the resignation of Jaw Burger former Minister of the Interior.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The "United Press of India" understands that President Roosevelt has provisionally accepted an invitation to pay a visit to London in the summer. The President has a standing invitation from the King to visit this country at a moment most convenient to him. It has been repeated recently on behalf of the King by Mr. Churchill. Certain arrangements were also made in the past few weeks in the belief that after the present 'Big Three' meeting President Roosevelt might be able to accept the King's invitation.—United Press

AMERICAN JOURNALIST ON 'BIG THREE' CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 9.

An inkling of the proceedings of the meeting of the "Big Three" now in session in the Black Sea region is available from a typical American comment. Mr. Danton Walker, the well-known American journalist, writes on the Big Three Conferences. "Stalin's bargain with the other members of the 'Big Three' in the coming will be a war against Japan in return for the concessions in Western Europe, and President Roosevelt's bargain with the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill is American domination in the Pacific if Britain pursues her present policy of domination in the Mediterranean.

This seems to mean that the 'Big Three' are more concerned with their respective requirements than anything else. What kind of Blue Print of international peace could be expected for this much publicized meeting of Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill remains to be seen, says the "United Press of India" correspondent.—United Press.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE TO OPEN ON FEB. 17

Will Be Purely Informative: Speakers Will Express Individual Views

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The third British Commonwealth Conference is opening in London on Saturday, February 17, with delegations from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and two observers from Burma. It is an unofficial conference organised by various institutes of international affairs in each country.

The Conference will deal in its public opening session and its subsequent private committee meetings with three main problems, namely, commonwealth relations, commonwealth relations to the rest of world and the definition of the international system of security and the world order.

The members of the delegations will not exceed ten for each country, except 15 representatives for Britain. The names will be announced later but one of the main speakers for Britain will be Sir Walter Layton. All the speakers will express their own individual views and the Conference will be purely informative and will pass no resolutions.—Reuter.

Syrian President Sees King Ibn Saud

JEDDAH, Feb. 8.

Shukri Quatly, the President of Syria, arrived here at noon today from Damascus. He was met at the aerodrome by Emir Feisal, the son of King Ibn Saud. Later he left for Mecca for the meeting with King Ibn Saud.—Reuter.

136,646 BRITISH CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR

LONDON, Feb. 8.

British civilian casualties due to enemy action from the outbreak of war to September 30, 1944 were 136,646.

Announcing this in the Commons today in reply to a question Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, said they were made up of 57,468 killed or missing believed killed and 79178 injured and detained in hospital.

In round figures the total number of dwellings destroyed in the same period was 190,000. The total damaged but repairable was 4,000,000.

For reasons of security Mr. Morrison was unable to give separate figures for casualties or dwellings for London or elsewhere.—Reuter.

MUSLIM STUDENTS COME TO BLOWS

Ugly Scenes At Lahore Students Federation Elections

LAHORE, Feb. 9.

Ugly scenes marred the election of office-bearers to the Provincial Muslim Students Federation. Trouble arose as some students were not allowed to enter the hall and participate in the elections. The rival groups challenged the validity of nominations to the present Working Committee and demanded the postponement of the elections.

Arguments and counter-arguments soon degenerated into exchange of hot words which culminated in a hard test of fists. Though the meeting lasted till late in the evening no decision could be reached. Ultimately two Presidents were elected and it is to be seen whether two federations will be formed in the Punjab.

The tussle between the two groups partly reflects the grouping behind the scenes for the forthcoming election of office-bearers of the Muslim League Assembly Party.—O. P.

Ban On Students Organ Withdrawn

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

Mr. Dinkar Sakrikar, General Secretary of the All-India Students' Congress, announces that the Government of Bombay have withdrawn the ban on "The Student Federation", the organ of the All-India Students' Federation. This paper had been banned since August 1942. He adds that the paper will resume publication in a fortnight's time.

Professor Ranga will preside over the first Punjab Provincial Nationalist Students' Conference to be held at Lahore on February 10 and 11. Mr. Joachim Alva will inaugurate the Conference.—A. P.

RESEARCH AND PLANNING OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

That an organised effort to initiate research on pilot plant stage before transferring the results obtained in laboratories is necessary, if the pitfalls and wastages in the newly growing chemical industries are to be avoided was the view expressed by Sheth Tulsidas Kilachand who presided over the General Meeting of Chemical Manufacturers of Bombay Province held at the Taj-Hotel to form a Provincial Association of the Chemical Manufacturers. Sheth Tulsidas observed that to face the anxious period ahead, Chemical Manufacturers should organise and pool their resources, experience and knowledge for common good.

PENICILLIN AVAILABLE AT KARACHI.

KARACHI, Feb. 8: Penicillin has been received here and is available at Government hospitals at Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur.

Certain Government medical officers and private practitioners have been authorised to permit its use in suitable cases.—A. P.

V-2 Targets In Holland Bombed

Liquid Oxygen Plant Supplying Fuel For V-Weapons Pounded

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Spitfire bombers of R A F Fighter Command today attacked two V-two targets in Holland, it is officially stated. Sweeping down 5,000 feet the formation bombed the liquid oxygen plant supplying fuel for V-weapons.

Meanwhile other Spitfires were attacking the V-two storage and fire site despite considerable anti-aircraft fire. One building received direct hits.

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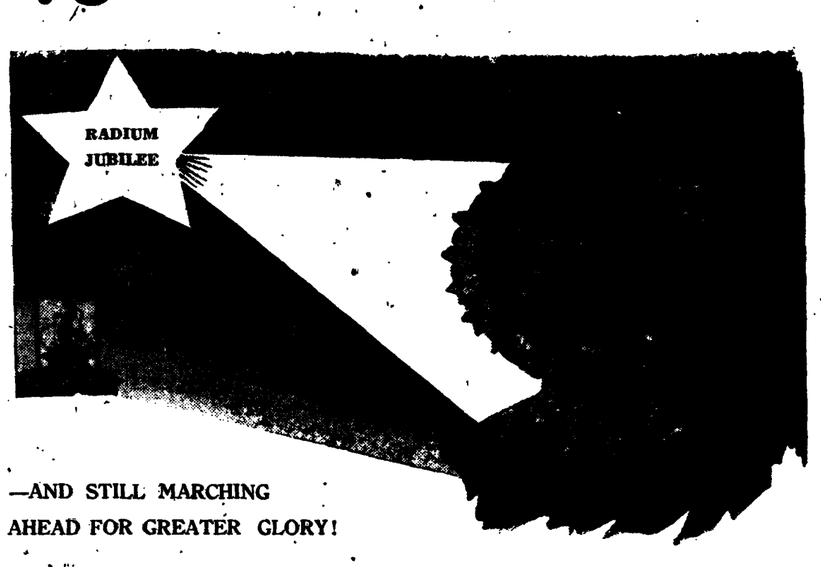

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 9.

The following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours (I S T) on 6/2/45:

Allahabad 79 49 0 BOMBAY 87 67 0, Calcutta 80 55 0, Cawnpore 78 47 0, Cuttack 84 57 0, Darjeeling nil nil nil, Delhi 76 44 0 Dehra Dun 71 43 0, Jacobabad 82 47 0, Karachi 81 68 0, Lahore 71 40 0, Lucknow 79 48 0, Madras 83 65 0, Nagpur 91 56 0 Patna 74 50 0, Peshawar 65 38 0, Shillong 55 40 0, Simla 55 37 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The social problem of the future we consider to be, how to unite the greatest possible individual liberty of action with a common ownership in the raw materials of the globe, and an equal participation in all the benefits of combined labour.
—J. S. Mill.

The Bombay Chronicle

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
II

We have already commented in these columns upon University affairs which are to be the subject matter of discussion at the forthcoming Senate meetings. The constitutional side however, of the question which will occupy the Special Requisition meeting almost exclusively, demand much greater attention than is likely to be devoted very likely because of the complication with personal issues coming before the same meeting. Motions however, for constitutional changes are not all confined to the Requisition meeting. Those coming before that meeting relate, in fact to the evils prevailing in University working as revealed by recent investigations, or arising out of the lessons taught by those disclosures. The more radical issues implicit in the general problem raised by such developments,—the nature and scope of democratic institutions in such bodies, the value of examinations, or the technique of conducting them—are left untouched by almost every proposal so far put forward to amend the Act or alter the statutes, Ordinances and Regulations together making up the constitutional law and procedure of the University.

This is not the place to engage in radical discussion on the nature and limitations of democratic organisations; nor would it be profitable to deal with the problem of the utility of examinations or the method of conducting them. The specific issues involved in the proposals before the Senate meetings raised in themselves, questions of far-reaching character on which it is possible there may be the widest difference of opinion between persons of irreproachable bona fides. Two at least of the motions now before the Senate arise directly from the realisation that Section 17 under which action is proposed to be taken against two of the offenders is so clumsily worded that it is almost unworkable in practice. It requires two-thirds of the 'entire senate positively to support a motion recommending expulsion of a member from Fellowship before action can be taken by the appropriate authority against a Fellow found guilty of malpractices at examinations. The offence of malpractices is, however, not confined to examinations only. The evil of canvassing is evident in other branches of University working no less clearly than at Examinations. If therefore, action is to be taken against such individuals for malpractices, or perverting the machinery or the University to their own advantage by canvassing and distribution of University patronage amongst their friends and supporters these motions should not be confined only to malpractices of a given kind. The harm done by canvassing succeeding in getting ill-equipped colleges being established in unsuitable areas, with inadequate staff, ill-equipped buildings and insufficient funds, has much more far-reaching and enduring effect, than occasional monkeying with the result of particular candidates at a given examination. And yet not a word is said on this point in all the motions for constitutional amendment now before the Senate! Is that lack of far-sight, or of a sense of proportion?

Another important feature of the motions for constitutional amendments tabled in the agenda concerns the procedure for the initiative on such occasions for punishing the guilty and also the authority to award the ultimate punishment. Mr. Gadgil proposes direct approach to the Chancellor on the guilt of given Fellows being established by the Syndicate. This excludes the Senate altogether from any say in the matter. It is possible he is convinced the Senate is more liable to be canvassed than the Syndicate. By the same reasoning, however, the Syndicate ought to be still more easy to canvass—for as well as against; and so be no less exposed to the charge which the motion implicitly makes against the Senate. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad's motion is an improvement on this, though it generally runs on the same lines. It keeps the ultimate right to make such a drastic recommendation in the Senate the supreme governing body in the University under the Act and aims at correcting the difficulty in the present procedure under Section 17. But Sir Chimanlal goes to the other extreme, and excludes the Syndicate altogether from any say in the matter allowing any member of the Senate to put forward such a proposal. In the nature of things, however, though any member of the Senate is even now entitled to table any motion, those not in the Syndicate would be necessarily handicapped for lack of definite information and material, which the executive body collects in the first instance. Besides, punishment of this kind must be admitted to be extraordinary which should not be proposed lightly, on public rumours or press reports only. The Act itself provides an analogy of a special procedure in cases when disaffiliation of a College is to be proposed. That there may be no hasty action or ill-considered decision, Section 42 lays down a special procedure to regulate such motions with ample opportunity for explanation and justification of the party concerned. In both these motions for amending Section 17 this is lacking. An amendment has been notified to each of these which seeks to bring the procedure in regard to this kind of punishment to offending Fellows in line with the procedure for disaffiliation. But even by this amendment opportunity for a proper judicial investigation,—and not only a departmental enquiry which is all that the Syndicate can do, does not appear to be provided in as full a measure as the interests of justice demand. If, therefore, these proposals are accepted by the Senate,—with or without the amendments,—we trust the authority responsible for ultimate award of the punishment will take into account the demands of justice and bear in mind that maxim of jurisprudence that it is better ten guilty persons should escape than that one innocent should suffer, before giving effect to such recommendations.

Both these motions are open to another criticism. They transfer the power to punish from the "Local Government" to the "Chancellor." We realise the possibility of the Local Government, under Party system being more amenable to outside pressure than the head of the University organisation as at present provided. The Local Government, in the sense of a Responsible Ministry is, for the time being, not functioning; and so this change may not be objected to at least for the moment. But in the long run, we would prefer this power to be vested in the Responsible Minister than in a non-responsible executive as in the former case there would be more publicity, more opportunity for explanation and vindication of the parties charged, more chance for going to the root of the matter, than is likely if the ultimate authority and supreme power is vested in the head of the University, who is also the Executive Chief of the Provincial Government.

Scandalous Irregularities

The Central Assembly had no difficulty in carrying Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar's motion declaring that, as grave irregularities had been observed in the expenditure of large amounts in war publicity and other matters, steps should be taken immediately to put them down. The irregularities were too glaring to be connived at or explained away. The Auditor-General himself had stated that he had the greatest difficulty in obtaining satisfactory accounts from the provinces. In many cases of relief to non-Indian evacuees, there were not, it was stated, sufficient proofs of payments made or proof of the nationality of the evacuees, with the result that the sums given away could not be recovered from the British Government. Quoting the Auditor-General's statement before the Committee Mr. K. C. Neogy said that things ranging from cycles to elephants were taken away and nobody knew what happened to them afterwards. Mr. Mohammad Nauman pointed out that there was on paper a certain bridge in Assam which was supposed to have been built and subsequently demolished due to defence requirements costing lakhs of rupees but actually there was no bridge built and therefore none demolished. It was obviously impossible to give any satisfactory explanation for such irregularities. It is true that in a part of his speech the Finance Member mentioned the usual extenuating circumstance that the times when these irregularities occurred were abnormal but he had to admit that, while "it was one thing to be overwhelmed by a situation which one was not equipped to deal with, it was another thing to deal with it in a 'mala fide' manner and that in circumstances such as these, he had no doubt that offences must be most severely dealt with." We fear there have been too many cases of "mala fide" irregularities. Those responsible for them must be brought to book, whoever they are. Else it will be impossible to prevent fresh scandals.

Frankly Speaking

Meet Sir Walter Citrine

The World Trades' Union Conference has, we notice, been undergoing a stirring experience. It has witnessed the dramatic spectacle of Sir Walter Citrine performing like the typical British patriot. The British character is supposed to enjoy national distinction as a composite of anomalies. Whether this is true or not, Sir Walter and, indeed, his British T. U. C. too to a great extent, constitute a noteworthy example of it. They are "Labour", representatives of the working class and professed advocates of the aims, national and international, of the British working class. In practice, Sir Walter Citrine *par excellence* and many other T. U. leaders generally are a credit to the British governing class and to British Imperialism. And Sir Walter is leading the British Trades' Union delegation at the World Conference.

India's "Representative"

With the assistance of that clue one can understand the why of Sir Walter's sensational activities and the nature of the issues involved in the controversies that have been precipitated by the British T.U.C. leader. It also explains Sir Walter's attitude as regards the All-India T. U. C. The fact that the Indian Federation of Labour is a Government patronised and Government subsidised body is no longer a mystery, thanks to the public statements made by Dr. Ambedkar, the Government's Labour Member and the Federation's own leaders. Messrs. Jamnadas M. Mehta and M. N. Roy. It is a fact which no man with any conscience can deny that the Indian Federation of Labour, is no more representative of the Indian working class than, for instance, an Indian Member of Lord Wavell's Cabinet is representative of the Indian voter or the Indian people. Sir Walter Citrine accepts that organisation as against the All-India Trades' Union Congress. This is in the authentic and historic tradition of British Imperial technique. Such are Britain's Walter Citrines and Trade Unionists.

Montgomery's Attack

Almost as welcome as the report of Marshal Zhukov's forcing of the Oder directly in the direction of Berlin is the news that Field-Marshal Montgomery's armies have sprung into action against the northern sector of the Siegfried Line. The fact that the announcement was made in a special communique clearly shows that it is an offensive on a big and ambitious scale. Its possibilities tempt wishful thinking because a breakthrough in the northern sector can take Allied armies in a rapid sweep to the heart of Germany. The Germans have reported offensive preparations by other Allied armies too in the west. If this is true, we may very soon witness that general and final flare up to which we have been looking forward. Quite obviously, this is the time for General Eisenhower to strike the blow that had to be postponed.

What About India?

A Washington message received through the U.S.O.W.I. says: "Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission, in testimony before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee advocated the post-war disposal of 12 million tons of U.S. merchant shipping to bring Allied nations' merchant fleets up to their 1939 tonnage. Admiral Land said that excess U.S. shipping should be offered for sale—not as gifts—to Allied nations while an indefinite number should be laid in reserve 'as insurance' against further wars. He advised the scrapping of 4 million tons of vessels over 20 years old. Admiral Land said he favoured encouraging China to set up a merchant marine and believed Germany and Japan should be limited to coastwise shipping and not permitted to haul cargo internationally". We should like to ask only one question: India also being an Allied country, is she not entitled to be encouraged to set up a merchant marine and ought not the Government of India approach the United States? But we should be forgetting that British Imperial policy could not allow such encouragement and that the Government of India is a subordinate branch of the Imperial administration.

Canada To Preserve Strong Alliance With Britain

TORONTO, Feb. 9: Speaking here to-day Col. George A. Drew Ontario Premier, declared that Canada must maintain a strong alliance with Britain in the Empire. Anglo-American-Canadian co-operation must also continue after the war. Britain has always been Canada's best business partner in war or peace.

Concerning the recent suggestions that Canada should adopt her own flag and anthem, Col. Drew said: "Never in the Province of Ontario are we going to abandon the ancient song—God Save The King—and no matter where it be done elsewhere, never are we going to permit anyone to tear down the Union Jack."

"ATTITUDES AND LATITUDES"

By "Birbal"

Some years ago it was a popular pastime to delineate national characteristics in a sort of game. Thus, one Russian means introspection; two Russians a conspiracy three Russians a purge. One Frenchman wine; two Frenchmen love; three Frenchmen a revolution. Or again, one Indian a speech; two Indians a party, three Indians a split. One is reminded of this by a cable from London announcing the establishment of yet another Indian organization in England called the Indian Independence Union. Considering that its object is announced to be the attainment of Indian independence one wonders why it has been found necessary to inflict on a bored British public yet another organization striving to educate it to an awareness of its responsibilities.

It is already a thick jungle bristling with labels through which one has to wade in order to understand just what is being done for the advancement of India's cause in Britain. The oldest of the organizations there is undoubtedly the India League, Indians in London have come and gone, but V. K. Krishna Menon, its Secretary, has gone on for ever. With great tenacity he has kept the League going and in course of time developed a measure of contact with some of back-benchers in the Labour Party, its main spokesman in Parliament at present being Reginald Sorensen, brother-in-law of Fenner Brockway. Till 1935, the League's position was strongly nationalist, and Krishna Menon could then be heard loudly denouncing British Communists as "scoundrels" and the Communists dismissing Krishna Menon as "impossible". Then came the People's Front technique, and the Communists managed to swallow the India League and its Secretary. Krishna Menon, who was a prospective Labour candidate for Parliament, was removed by the Labour Party owing to his Communist affiliations and now proposes to stand as a Communist supported candidate at the next election. When the acid test of August '42 came, Krishna Menon and the League failed to stand by the Congress and joined the chorus of denunciations against the Quit India Movement. This notwithstanding, they still try to cash in on the friendship and support given by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other Congress leaders ten years back in very different circumstances.

The vacuum created in 1942 was promptly filled up by the Indian community that rallied behind the August resolution of the Congress. This initially took the form of the Committee of Indian Congressmen. Unfortunately, unity was not maintained long. When the Committee attacked Suresh Vaidya, who had the courage to refuse to serve in the British army so long as India was not free, the Committee lost support. The breakaway took shape in the establishment of Swaraj House, which is now the London branch of the Federation of Indian Associations in Britain, which has units in many provincial centres and which claims to have a total membership of 1100 out of 1,500 Indians in Britain. What is most encouraging is that a large majority of Muslims in Britain support the hundred per cent national stand of the Committee and Swaraj House and are opposed to the Pakistan demand supported by the Communists.

The British friends of India function for their part through their own organizations, the I. L. P. and the Commonwealth Party, which have been the only two parties in England to give unconditional support to Indian Independence. The 1942 crisis in India was reflected in the formation of the Indian Freedom Campaign Committee, which stands for the unconditional right of India to immediate freedom irrespective of its attitude to the war. Fenner Brockway and Reginald Reynolds, unswerving friends of freedom, are among its active workers. The Committee works in close co-operation with the Federation of Indian Associations in Britain, and it is this group which recently announced its intention to send out a British lawyer to defend Jayaprakash Narayan in case he is prosecuted.

That India's freedom has to be fought for and won on Indian soil is one of the ideas which has sunk into the mass mind as a result of the Quit India Movement. It is an idea that has come to stay. Nonetheless, the advocacy abroad of India's case is a valuable auxiliary to the main effort. Lord Hailey recently gave expression to the need for the dissemination of more information about India in Britain. This shows that the enemies of India's freedom are by no means inactive. Indeed, just as in the past the princes and zamindars have been used as props by imperialist propaganda, so in the next few years there is every indication that the protection of the proletariat and "the poor dear peasants" will be used as a plea for the perpetuation of British rule in India. In this game, M. N. Roy and the Communists in India can be expected to play their part. While it is true, as pointed out by Sir Hari Singh Gour on his return from England after several years' stay there, that the Great British Public is too preoccupied with its own affairs to worry about India, the fact that two reprints of the Fifteen Year Plan published by Penguins were instantaneously sold out and the keen interest displayed in the Plan in America and England show that interest in India is not so difficult to arouse.

INDIA'S PARLIAMENT

India's Parliament, which is celebrating its superannuation again has lived longer than the British Parliament, which first met on November 26, 1935, and is the longest of the series except the Pensionary Parliament of 1661-79. The Fifth Indian Legislative Assembly was held on 21st January, 1935 is our Pensionary Parliament. January 21, 1935, did not begin with buttonhole ceremonies. Battle was joined immediately on Mr. Satyamurthi's adjournment motion on the Hallett circular "on the situation arising out of the decisions of the Bombay Congress" with regard to Mahatma Gandhi starting the village Industries Association. The Congress had won the elections by a large majority, but the Government could not 'take it.' Mr. Satyamurthi, the stentor of the Congress, declared "We, speaking on behalf of the Congress here, undoubtedly, claim to become the alternative Government of this country as early as possible."

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, after the recent sumptuous diet of secret negotiations, must remember the words of his poor friend, whom a master of "May's Parliamentary Practice" could not save from frustration and an untimely end. Last year's speeches in the Assembly did not sound like Congress speeches though the Noes had it and the Finance Bill was rejected. Mr. Desai spoke more convincingly in November 1940, when the Congress took part in the discussion on the Supplementary Finance Bill as a special case, after an absence of some years. He spoke of the "bounden duty not only to be present here but to do our best and speak in the name of those whom we represent not merely in this House or the other but from the point of view of the question of India's participation in the war effort." Mr. Jinnah was more pointed in exposing the fraud of the Finance Bill debate: "Which fool is there in America, which fool is there in Germany who does not know your constitution, who does not know the nature and character of this Assembly? Who is the man who will be so much upset that you will lose the war because this Finance Bill was rejected?" Raisman was even more sarcastic: "At a juncture when the fate of civilization seems to be hanging in the balance under a constitution which is a mere simulacrum of democracy....this Assembly has set six days to discuss a bill designed to raise six crores." In 1940 the Ayes were 53 and the Noes 55. In 1941 when the League led the Opposition Benches the Ayes were 46, and the Noes 28. In 1942 the the Ayes were 44 and the Noes a mere 14. In 1944 things brightened up, but to what end? The Viceroy can always laugh within his sleeves and certify.

Mr. Desai cannot save this parliamentary burlesque where Motilal Nehru with the help of able Parliamentarians failed. There are now very few Congressmen who can enjoy the luxury of cuts, adjournment motions and amendments. Bold utterances can be the only excuse, if that—for any shilly-shallying and Delhi-dallying by Congressmen these days when there is more important work to do.

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Message from London dated February 5th.

"Stalin may take advantage of the Big Three Meeting to announce formally his marriage to Rosa Kaganovitch. Rosa is Stalin's third wife".

So Stalin will be the "Groom" and Churchill and Roosevelt his "Best Men", Couldn't Chiang Kai-Shek have been accommodated at least as a Page Boy?

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Fifth Army Waiting For Bitter Cold To Mellow

Occasional Greetings Of Salvoes Exchanged Between Truscott And Kesselring

(D.F. KARAKA: "Chronicle" war Correspondent).

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Feb. 8.

It was bitterly cold this morning. Five blankets collected last night felt like only so much confetti. The ground outside was frozen but the visibility was clear and the sun promised to appear later in the day. In snowboots, leather jackets, coats and mufflers we were bound for the frontline in a Jeep. It was only a few miles' drive to some of the most forward positions. Here the Fifth Army had been dug in for so long that to many Americans the hill features seemed like familiar landmarks of an old home town. Stinking weather and mountain terrain had made little else possible except—to use a local phrase—"strong patrols".

The first bit of activity since jumping the Gothic Line had met with stiff German resistance, indicating that Kesselring still meant business on this side of the Po Valley. Here in the Apennines, south of Bologna, the Fifth Army had been patiently waiting for the bitter cold to mellow and deep snow to thaw. At observation posts on the surrounding peaks, Kesselring's forces had looked at those of General Truscott sending each other occasional greetings of salvoes, interspersed with an exchange of more personal greetings in the shape of patrols.

DIFFICULT TERRAIN

How difficult was the terrain could be judged from the road traversed by the Jeep. Only a generous sense of humour could laugh at its close resemblance to the switchback railway at a village fair. In parts the road steeped 45 degrees and where snow had thawed soft gluey brown mud had replaced it like chocolate sauce over which it was difficult to hold the Jeep. The Cardiogram of the Road would closely resemble that of erratic heartbeat and in many places it was wiser to walk alongside the Jeep up the steep precipice. American Buck Privates, with the usual sense of humour, called it "East Street".

Today it was quiet except for Fifth Army guns which kept reminding Kesselring they had not forgotten him in spite of snow and slush. The valley echoed with thuds interspersed with more staccato notes of mortars. At standstill, the Jeep would shake even though gun positions were many wards away from us. Beyond the safety line when glass sunshields came down we knew we were within sight of the enemy's observation posts from hilltops on the other side of the valley. But the German now seems uninterested in odd objects on the road although on the same road two days ago a standstill truck was too juicy a target and he fired six rounds which left no trace of the truck.

In the midst of all this, close to the battleground, an Italian child wandered oblivious of the rest of the world. He had begun to regard war as a normal phenomenon incidental to life. Seeing sun in many days Italian peasant women were washing clothes at a nearby brook. By now they knew the difference between the enemy and Allied gunfire and knew when it was safe to come out of caves in which they now lived, for their farm houses were now billets of war.

In between the salvoes one gunner had taken time off for a shave in the shelter of a roofless house where the Company barber had installed his shop.

And outside the Divisional Commander's trailer a proud rooster and six hens lurked. They had followed him since Anzio where they were first born and provided some of the frontline soldiers with fresh eggs for breakfast.

Kesselring looked on.

India's Editors In Calcutta

By K. Rama Rao

Enjoying the advantageous position of an invited guest, I occupied a seat just before the President, sandwiched between two blocs of Standing Committee members, at the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference in Calcutta. I was, therefore, both interested and uninterested in the proceedings. At any rate, I was a disinterested spectator of all that happened. It was undoubtedly a memorable experience. We renewed our contacts and friendships, we debated and resolved, we parted in the best of spirits.

It would be no exaggeration to say that Mr. S. A. Brelvi registered a personal triumph as President. His conduct of the proceedings was admirable and his personal touch averted many awkward situations. His address was pitched in a modest key and in spite of obvious defeats that the Conference organisation had sustained in the course of the year under review at the hands of the Government, the President refused to admit defeat. His lead was accepted by the Conference, when he demanded an early and close revision of the extraordinary laws including the Defence of India rules governing the press today. I can predict no easy sailing for the conference in this matter, for the tiger having learnt to taste blood, is not going to let go his prey easily. But I have no doubt in my mind that a firm stand by the conference might produce tolerably good results.

BREAKDOWN OF PRESS ADVISORY SYSTEM

The press advisory system has broken down in several provinces. Some Governors required to be reminded that it is not for them to pick and choose the committees and that this choice is entirely the prerogative of the president. The advisory character of the committee must not be allowed to be emphasised too much and too often. Busy journalists cannot afford to waste their precious time on committees, and at times deliver unhappy and ugly verdicts on the work of their colleagues of the press, unless they have a feeling of certainty in them that their opinions will be really respected.

I may be permitted to express my opinion that the central question of the session, namely the question of salaries of working journalists, remains unsolved. We realised from some of the speeches delivered on the occasion that there is more than one employer with fantastic notions of the importance of his tribe. We must warn some of them that what we want is standardization of wages and introduction of graduated scales of pay and not benevolent patronage or the "luxury of doing good" on their part. We want journalism to develop into a kind of unofficial civil service in this country. It did the conference no credit that it completely left out the vexed problem of mofussil correspondents. I am afraid our friends will have to fight out their battle single-handed, with whatever success they can achieve.

STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The vital machinery of the conference represented by the Standing Committee once again fell into the hands of the old guard. There is everything wrong with the present system which is heavily weighted in favour of vested interests and the "English" press. Provinces after provinces, languages after languages, go unrepresented. We are the preceptors of the public. Yet, instead of setting up examples and ideals, we have been indulging in excessive lobbying and bossing. The conference must make a definite bid for popularity, if it is to acquire the confidence of the profession in the measure it should.

Calcutta journalists played the host splendidly under the leadership of Mr. S. C. Mazumdar of the "Hindustan Standard." Their hospitality was lavish. Their attentions to their guests were keen and affectionate. We saw no famine round about. Mr. Hemendra Prasad Ghosh, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, delivered an address which was classic and which showed the learning of a lifetime. As he went on, he gave us not only a history of the press in India, its vicissitudes and its achievements, but also the archaeology of tyranny and the anthropology of tyrants. It was eminently fitted for the academic atmosphere of the great Senate Hall of Calcutta where we met.

There were a number of sideshows, the more important of them deserve a brief description. The Americans provided a glaring contrast to the British who completely boycotted us. The U.S.O.W.I. invited us to their place and showed us an excellent war film of Russia. The room was an exquisite combination of a library, a war-office, a restaurant, a theatre. It was a pity that on account of the sudden illness Mr. Brelvi could not be present, but Mr. Mani acted his part well as the spokesman of the invited journalists.

CIVIC RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT

An earlier function of the evening of January 28 was the civic reception given to the President of the Conference by the Calcutta Municipal Corporation. The "address" was apparently hurried affair and might have been phrased more felicitously, but the exuberant vitality of the young Mayor made up for any defect that one may have noticed. Mr. Brelvi's reply was fairly long and well-sustained. He performed a delicate balancing feat when he discussed the municipal administrations of Bombay and Calcutta without revealing much bias in favour of his own city. He, however, laid down a dictum which I think is invested with controversy. Is it always desirable to keep municipal politics outside party arrangements and contests, party plans and programmes? It is the contention of Bernard Shaw that the absence of party spirit in municipal politics has worked well in England, while its presence in the House of Commons has meant political stagnation. Conditions are, however, different in India. We have discovered from our experience that once the Congress leaves the local bodies severely alone, they become soulless, unidealistic and often corrupt. I maintain that in the present condition of our country we should take on all these local bodies, in the confident belief that the Congress can do better than the other parties.

It was a delightful function, unfortunately not too well attended, that Mr. Rathindranath Tagore, held on the morning of January 29, at his ancestral house in Calcutta to receive the visiting editors. There was a poetic atmosphere throughout, quite appropriate to the place. The decorations were tasteful, the reception was warm, the speech-making was good. The rooms in which the poet wrote were plain and common, but the place where he died, was by no means a Dark Chamber. It was artistically got up, to remind us of the splendid aestheticism of the poet who, above everything else, was a great lover of art and beauty.

The Government of Bombay, it is understood, have decided to close down the Pre-Cadet School in Poona which was started three years ago for preparing candidates from the Bombay Province to take up commissions in the army.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

LAHORE, Feb. 9.

Ugly scenes marred the election of office-bearers to the Provincial Muslim Students' Federation. Trouble arose as some students were not allowed to enter the hall and participate in the elections. The rival groups challenged the validity of nominations to the present Working Committee and demanded the postponement of the elections. .....

The tussle between the two groups partly reflects the grouping behind the scenes for the forthcoming election of office-bearers of the Muslim League Assembly Party.—O. P.

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In the Central Assembly an M.L.A. revealed that there was on paper a certain bridge in Assam, which was supposed to have been built and subsequently demolished due to defence requirements and costing lakhs of rupees, but actually there was no bridge built and, therefore, none demolished.

We wondered how heartily we should laugh or how profoundly we should feel shocked at this state of affairs in India.

But our problem was satisfactorily solved when we suddenly remembered that we in India are rich in many and better instances of sheer imagination.

We have, for example, what Lord Halifax would call British rule by non-existent consent. And it costs crores and crores.

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Sir Walter Citrine, leader of the British Trades' Union delegation to the World Trades' Union Conference is reported to be strongly supporting the Indian Federation of Labour as against the claim of the All-India Trdes' Union Congress.

But this does not surprise us. Sir Walter is among those Britishers who need not be scratched at all to be discovered. The British T. U. C. itself is, however, slightly veneery.

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Mr. Sorensen, the Labour M.P. asked in the Commons: "Does not the present interpretation of the Atlantic Charter make the signing of it a sheer humbug?"

Mr. Sorensen needn't have asked the question at all.

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Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State (plus acting Anthony Eden) declared: "The British Government do not, however, regard any provisions of the Charter as meaning that transfer of any enemy territory can in no circumstances take place without the consent of its present inhabitants."

So far, however, as the position under the Charter of X Allied held by X Allied territory is concerned. In no circumstances can the transfer of the latter to itself take place with the consent of its inhabitants and without that of X.

Y bracketed by X equals the essence of the Atlantic Charter.

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"It has fallen to our lot to drain the bitter cup of suffering to the dregs"—Dr. Goebbels.

It's all right. They can have another cup.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The most dangerous case a physician ever has is his medicine case.

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With her first engagement ring a girl imagines life for her has just begun.

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The pickpocket may not be absent-minded, but he has moments of abstraction.

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When a woman wants the earth it is because she knows some nice man she would like to give it to.

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When the wrinkles on a man's face will tell his age, the bumps on his head will indicate his talent.

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Sometimes a woman marries a man to reform him and sometimes she gets a divorce for the same reason.

Govt. Pay Man To Read National War Front Papers In Assam

ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES LIQUIDATION OF FRONT: GOVT. DECISION IN MARCH

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9.

When the Central Assembly took up consideration of Sir Yamin Khan's resolution, moved last session, asking for the liquidation of the National War Front, Sir Sultan Ahmed, Leader of the House stated that the question raised by the motion required more detailed consideration than might appear at first sight. He added he had already taken up its consideration and though it would take a little time he proposed to announce a decision in the first week of March so that the House would have an opportunity of discussing that decision. He hoped that the mover would accept that assurance and withdraw his resolution.

Sir Yamin Khan expressed satisfaction with Sir Sultan's assurance and asked leave to withdraw the resolution.

The House refused to permit him to do so and the debate was continued.

BODY OF "JO-HOOKUMS"

Sardar Mangal Singh said that the National War Front was a collection of 'Jo-Hookums' where jobs were given to the friends of Government and money was paid to friendly newspapers. From what the Leader of the House said he understood that there might be some modification of the structure of the National War Front and a change in its name might be effected. He warned the House that they should not agree to it and insist on the immediate liquidation of the Front.

Mr. Ghiassudin said that the N. W. F. was doing useful work in assisting the authorities in recruiting soldiers mobilising public opinion for the war effort and counteracting rumours.

Mr. Badri Dut Pande said that only a National Government could have an efficient N. W. F. At present the Front was a fraud "and an organisation of liers." He criticised the activities of the Front in its recruiting drive. Its meetings were sparsely attended and prospective recruits were told that they would get new boots, new clothes and good food if they joined the Army. He asked whether such an army was not a mercenary one.

USEFUL OCCUPATION

Mr. Kailash Beharilal (Nationalist) opposing the resolution declared that at least a crore of rupees was being spent for the needy by the National War Front. If they saw the people who were benefited by the organisation, they would agree that those people would otherwise have engaged themselves in communal war, picking pockets, etc. It was not correct to say that it was a waste of the tax-payers' money because men who were fed by the National War Front were our men. If these harmless people went about in cars with loud speakers attached to them and sang songs to the people where was the harm especially when otherwise they were likely to be dangerous (laughter). If people could be engaged on one front even if it were for the purpose of asking other people to go to war it was a good thing.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir asserted that there had been in this country substantial support for the war effort. There could be only one test to be applied to the correctness or otherwise of the stand taken by the Congress. If they were in the right the political position in this country should at present have been satisfactory. The position was most unsatisfactory because they had tried to set the hands of the clock back.

"COWARDICE"

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta speaking amid interruptions entered a strong plea for the retention of the Front. He said it was a deliberate lie to suggest that our soldiers were mercenaries. Twenty lakhs of Indian soldiers had volunteered for the war while the Congress could not recruit even two lakhs for their sabotage work (laughter). It was cowardice and selfishness to oppose the war effort.

Mr. Basith Chaudhry (Muslim League), in his maiden speech said that the two papers in Assam, which were both financed by the National War Front, were lying about on the floor in the libraries everywhere. When he pointed this out to the authorities they paid a man to read the newspapers to the people, paid for the light and paid rent for them. But nobody came to listen to the man who was paid to read them, (laughter).

CONGRESS STAND

Mr. Sami Venkatachellam Chetty asked whether it was worth continuing the Front and what was it that the Front achieved. Those who understood Government's propaganda understood it too well and did not believe a word of what they said. Justifying the Congress opposition to the N. W. F., Mr. Chetty said that the Congress was not for hampering the war effort. Critics had forgotten, he added, that the Congress leaders were against Fascism and Nazism and their only desire was that India also should be treated as a free country.

The debate had not concluded when the House took up consideration of the adjournment motion. Further discussion on the resolution will be resumed on the next non-official day.—A. P.

Assembly Interpellations

Storm Over Grant To Indian Labour Federation

Running Fire Of 'Supplementaries' In Assembly

NEW DELHI Feb. 9.

A question about the grant of Rs. 13,000 given to the Indian Labour Federation led to some liveliness in the Assembly this morning. Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked the Labour Member to state who received the money and for what purpose and how it was used. The Labour Member referred the questioner of previous replies given to similar questions in the last session. A number of other members, including Mr. T. S. A. Chetty, Sir Ziauddin, Mr. Badridatt Pande kept up a running fire of supplementaries in the course of which they asked whether there was to be any increase in the grant, whether Government had satisfied itself that the money given was being spent for the purpose for which it was intended. The Labour Member replied in the affirmative to the latter part and added there was to be no increase.

Q.: Was the money handed over to Mr. Roy or to Mr. Jamnadas or to the Secretary of the Federation?

Ans.: It is received by the Secretary to the Federation.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta intervening exclaimed: The Federation has known nothing of it for two years. Government have been cheated.

Dr. Ambedkar: That is not my information.

Mr. Navalrai: Will Government do anything now that it has been told that it has been cheated? (laughter).

Dr. Ambedkar: Government does not believe it has been cheated.

BALAGHAT INCIDENT

Mr. Navalrai asked a question about the case in which the District Magistrate of Balaghat convicted an Advocate for Contempt of Court, because the Advocate greeted him on entering the court by only standing up and not saying: "sir."

The Law Member Sir Asoka Roy replied that the order in question was passed under Section 480 of the Criminal Procedure Code by the Deputy Commissioner of Balaghat sitting as a Revenue Court. "The judgment, which I have seen indicates that press reports of the incident are not in all respects accurate. The Advocate has filed an appeal under Section 486 of the Code in the Court of the Commissioner, and there can obviously be no question of action by Government while the incident remains sub judice."

Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar asked what were the correct facts of the case.

The Law Member stated that the Deputy Commissioner was at the time of the incident sitting as a Revenue Court and as the Advocate did not address the Court in the right way the Court questioned him about it. The Advocate replied it was not his habit to say "sir" to anybody or any court. It therefore appeared to be an instance of intentional insult and the Court dealt with it as contempt.

On the law of contempt in general, Mr. Navalrai asked whether the Law Member was aware that abuses of it were committed especially by subordinate courts and magistrates.

The Law Member: I am not concerned to maintain that abuses never occur.

As regards amendment of the law the Law Member drew attention to Sir Sultan Ahmed's statement that he was not prepared to consider any general amendment, but he undertook to consider two specific points, namely, the conferment of a right of appeal in contempt cases of a criminal nature and the barring of a scandalised judge from participating in the adjudication of contempt proceedings based on scandalisation. Provincial Governments and High Courts were duly consulted on these points, and on a careful consideration of the replies received, it was decided to drop the proposals for the time being, partly because much difference of opinion was revealed, and partly in the hope that the Privy Council judgment in what was commonly known as the "Hindustan Times" case would produce a beneficial effect.

A resolution appointing an All-India Handloom Board would shortly be issued, the Commerce Member Sir Azizul Haque indicated in his reply to Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar. The Board, he added, would consist of thirty members who would hold office in the first instance for one year. The Textile Commissioner would be ex-officio Chairman and members would be: three non-officials nominated by the Government of India, 17 nominated by the provinces four nominated one each by the States of Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore Kolhapur and Deccan States, five members representing the Millowning interests nominated by the Textile Control Board.

GENERAL ELECTION TO CENTRAL LEGISLATURE.

During question hour in the Central Assembly replying to Sardar Mangal Singh, the Leader of the House, Sir Sultan Ahmed stated that the question whether election to the Central Legislature would be held this year would depend entirely on whether the Governor-General would effect further extension of the life of either of the Chambers or both. It was impossible to forecast whether next general election to the Central Legislature would be held simultaneously with general elections to all or any of the Provincial Legislatures.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, informed the House that the question of re-imposing the ban on the employment of women underground in coal mines had been reviewed. At present about 15,000 to 16,000 women were employed underground.

Sir J. P. Srivastava, Food Member, informed Mr. Abdul Qaiyum that certain recommendations had been made by the Famine Enquiry Commission in advance of their report, but he was not prepared to disclose their nature. The Commission hoped to submit their report by the end of this month and the final report about two months later.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST S. AFRICA.

The question of applying economic sanctions against South Africa was still under consideration and no final decision had been taken, Dr. Khare indicated in reply to Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar's question.

The desirability of establishing a Government organisation in India similar to U. K. C. C. had been suggested by some Indian commercial bodies from time to time, said Sir Azizul Haque in answer to Mr. Manu Subedar. It was not possible to say at this stage whether it would be found necessary to set up such an organisation after the war.

BOMBAY BAN ON FREE KITCHEN.

Sardar Mangal Singh asked a number of questions about the ban on Guru's free kitchen in Bombay. He enquired whether as a protest against this ban, the Sikhs abandoned all preparations for celebrating Guru Gobind Singh's birthday anniversary and whether Government would consider the question and instruct the Government of Bombay to permit Sikhs in future on similar occasions to run a free kitchen by contributing their individual rations. The Food Member replied Government had no information about the abandonment of preparations and added that the general policy to be pursued with regard to such celebrations was now under consideration.—A. P. and U. P.

Citrine's Deal For German Worker

Wants Free Trade Unions On Democratic Basis

LONDON, Feb. 9: The British Trade Union attitude towards the future of Germany was outlined today at the World Trade Union Conference by the British Trade Union leader Sir Walter Citrine.

"Germany must make reparation to the extent of all that is humanly possible in services, goods and money and this obligation must be met though it involves continuance of Allied control over the entire German economy for many years and perhaps for generations", Sir Walter Citrine said.

Stressing there could be no question of Germany's surrender under conditions, Sir Walter Citrine added that Germany must be democratised under stringent guarantees including particularly re-establishment of a free Trade Union Movement, freedom of political associations and freedom of the Press.

"Occupation of Germany will not constitute merely Allied military control, but also political administration of Germany. For a considerable period the 'de facto' Government will be Allied occupying authorities.

It seems necessary, therefore, that Trade Unions must be associated in a consultative and advisory capacity with the administration—military and civil—concerned with the occupation of Germany.

None will deny the right of Russia, France, Belgium, Holland and other Allied countries, that have known horrors of German invasion and occupation, to such service as the German workers can give in rebuilding their ruined cities".

Sir Walter Citrine said, "It is extremely unlikely" Britain or United States would make such a claim upon the German labour but "Britain must reserve her claim in this matter. There will be obligation upon Trade Unions in countries where German Labour is used for these reconstruction purposes to see that it is not exploited or forced to carry on under inhuman conditions. How German people treat their obligation to make reparations this time, will be one of the tests we must apply in deciding our future relations with them. We want to see established as speedily as circumstances permit a free Trade Union movement in Germany".

GREEK SAILORS PROTEST.

LONDON, Feb. 9: The Federation of Greek Maritime Unions—a wartime organisation which claims that it is officially recognised by the Greek Government and the British Ministry of Transport as representatives of Greek sailors abroad—to-day issued a strong condemnation of Sir Walter Citrine's report on Greek affairs and the state of Trade Unions in Greece. It officially supported EAM, ELAS and Greek Confederation of Labour's telegraphic demand to the World Trade Union Conference that the latter should make full and independent investigation of the situation.

Zionist Move To Plant "Mother's Forest" In Palestine

TEL AVIV (PALESTINE), (By Air Mail): A "Mother's Forest" is to be planted on Jewish national home-land in Palestine as a tribute to motherhood, it is announced by the Women's International Zionist Organisation here.

Dr. Chaim Weizman, World Zionist President has subscribed several trees in memory of his late mother. One grove will bear the designation of "the unknown mother".

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY CENSURES INDIA GOVERNMENT

(Continued from page 1.)

India representing South Africa's consumption for four pre-war years. India he demanded should stop the import of diamonds, liquor, gold and other articles from South Africa.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, who spoke before Dr. Khare, declared that the Government deserved censure because it was afraid to do things which it could and which public opinion in the country demanded. The mere issue of a Gazette of India Extraordinary enforcing the Reciprocity Act would not frighten South African whites. The appointment of the High Commissioner was an instance of flouting public opinion. The Government of India did not even have to recall the High Commissioner. The present High Commissioner's term was drawing to a close and the Government of India could refuse to fill the post.

Mr. Qaiyum hoped that the Member-in-Charge would even now how before public opinion.

Sir Raza Ali: the High Commissioner is already on the high seas.

Mere enforcement of rules would not do, Mr. Qaiyum continued. The country expected and demanded that trade sanctions would be applied.

NO PLACE FOR INDIANS IN COMMONWEALTH

The question of Indians in the Commonwealth was likely to loom large in the near future and it was clear there was absolutely no place for the Indian people in the commonwealth. If they were to progress as a free nation they must at the earliest possible moment sever their connection with "this great fraud".

He asked why the Member-in-Charge was hesitating to apply trade sanctions. The Viceroy had claimed that this Government was a National Government. If that claim was correct, the Government should apply trade sanctions immediately and recall the High Commissioner.

BOMBAY BARONETS SUPPORT

Sir Cowasji Jehangir pointed out that all shades and schools of thought had declared that the High Commissioner should not be sent out. It was not a question of recalling but of not sending him out.

Sir Cowasji was surprised to hear that the new High Commissioner had left India.

Sir Cowaji reminded Dr. Khare that the present High Commissioner made a fairly strong speech and it was stated that the Union Government were going to protest against that speech. If therefore the new High Commissioner was going to express his opinion as the old High Commissioner had done, then he was courting a rebuff. If on the other hand he had been asked to keep his lips closed, then the Government deserved censure for that. The suggestion that the High Commissioner should not be sent was a sound one, Sir Cowasji asserted. He contended that the Member-in-Charge should make an announcement that the High Commissioner would not leave the shores of India. Sir Cowasji wanted to know whether the decision to send the High Commissioner was Dr. Khare's or of the Government as a whole.

Dr. Khare intervening replied that it was a decision of the whole Government of India.

Sir Cowasji said then they were acting unwisely and foolishly and he supported the vote of censure.

As regards trade sanctions, Sir Cowasji said the Member-in-Charge would have to apply them sooner or later and the sooner he prepared for it the better. Sir Cowasji asked whether Government was studying this question and how far the investigation had done.

KHARE'S APOLOGIA

Dr. Khare, Commonwealth Relations Member, said he always welcomed a debate on this question; he was not afraid of it and he would not shirk it. He had been charged with failure to take stern measures or to show fight and accused of being in a supplicating mood even though the Government of India's representations were ignored. "I repudiate all these allegations. We are not in a supplicating mood; we have shown sufficient fight (Cries of "No, No" and other interruption). Definitely for the first time in the history of this Government of India, they have retaliated against a fellow member of the Commonwealth" (Cries of "What retaliation?" "What are the results?" "What have you done except make speeches?"

WHY NOT INVADE SOUTH AFRICA-

Maulana Zafar Ali: "Can't you bring South Africa to its senses by invading it?" (Laughter).

Dr. Khare declared that within 48 hours of the passing of the Ordinances in South Africa, the Government of India applied the Reciprocity Act. (A voice: With what effect?) the enforcement of economic sanctions required careful consideration and he had hoped that the House would give the Government of India some discretion in the matter of carrying out further measure.

Dr. Khare went on to refer to the assurances given by General Smuts to the Indian deputation from Natal in November last year and contended that there had on the whole been no serious immediate deterioration in the position. He did not say that the developments so far had met our demands or justified any relaxation of vigilance or reorientation of our policy with regard to the withdrawal of the Pegging Act. The action taken by the Government of India had brought home to the Union Government the intensity of Indian feeling and had borne some fruit.

Before the House discussed the matter last, the Union Government took the stand that the Ordinance was not contrary to the spirit of the Pretoria Agreement. They now admitted it was contrary to that spirit and were willing to explore other ways of settling the issue.

Dr. Khare referred to the speech of Mr. Hofmeyer and to the warning uttered by another South African that the countervailing sanctions adopted by India might be a pin-prick but it might grow rapidly, as India had 400 millions within its borders.

As his time was up Dr. Khare could not proceed further, but later after two more speakers had spoken and closure was applied, he had an opportunity to reply to other points.

There was no reason to think, he asserted, that the Cape Town Agreement had been given the go by. We could not afford to give up that Agreement but must make every effort to see it was carried out. A High Commissioner was, therefore, necessary for this purpose. (A voice: You do not represent the country and, therefore, don't care for public opinion)!

The Government of India had decided to send the new High Commissioner but as the sailing of ships was a military secret Dr. Khare did know whether he had already left.

If however, it was later decided to recall him, he could be called back in no time. As regards the imposition of restrictions on residence, the number of South Africans in India was too small for us to apply those restrictions against them (Sardar Sant Singh: Why not shut them up in the Lahore Fort or Delhi Fort?) And as regards restriction on travel, reservation of carriages for them would be a privilege and not a disability.

The Government were still scrutinising the question of other disabilities. Referring once again to economic sanctions, he said it was a matter to be examined by the Supply and Commerce Departments. That process was not yet complete. The implications were many. In fact the position of the High Commissioner was related to the question of economic sanctions. If we decided to apply these sanctions, then the High Commissioner would be recalled immediately.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir: Where is the connection?

Dr. Khare declared he did not go back in the least on any statement he had made. As a doctor he believed not only in a major operation but in medicines and in watching the reactions to the first medicine before administering others. In spite of the ridicule poured upon him he claimed there had not been any failure on his part; there had been delay which he contended was not unconscionable in the circumstances. He fully shared the strong feeling on the question in the House and in the country.

"The facts on which you are basing this motion of censure are the results of history for which all of us are responsible," he concluded. "This censure will mean censure not only on myself but censure on you all." (Laughter and cheers).

The motion was passed without a division and the House adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

PLEA FOR ASHRAM FOR HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY WORK

WARDHA, Feb. 9: A suggestion that a special Ashram or centre should be set up for doing constructive work of Hindu-Muslim Unity and that Mahatma Gandhi should take up this work himself is made in a statement to the Press by Mr. Shakir Alikhan and Mr. Syed Hamid Ali, Members of the Executive of the Central States People Conference, who are now in Wardha to acquaint Mahatma Gandhi about the Central India peoples' problems.

The statement adds that this kind of centre would be of lasting permanence and utility in this country. In this way Mahatma Gandhi would be helpful in creating an instrument and also resources for utilising the energies of all persons who sincerely wished to devote themselves to Hindu-Muslim unity.—A. P.

Arrested On Suspicion

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, Feb. 9: Chandrakant Hiralal, of Ahmedabad was arrested by the Borivli Railway Police on suspicion on the station platform. He carried a cloth bag in which were several laboratory instruments valued at over Rs. 400. The accused could not give satisfactory replies and has been detained in the Bandra lock-up after being placed before the First Class City Magistrate, Bandra, pending further inquiries.

Inter Religious Convention

A joint meeting of the General and Executive Committee of the Inter Religious Convention was held at the Indian Merchants' Chamber Committee Room on the 3rd instant with Swami Sambuddhanandji in the Chair. The Joint Secretary reported that the Right Honourable Dr. M. R. Jayakar has consented to preside on the 9th and Sir S. Radhakrishnan on the 11th. It was decided that the Committee should extend further invitations to some of the eminent persons like Dr. H. C. Mukherjee, Prof. Dr. B. Barua, Dr. C. C. Law of Calcutta and Dr. Bulsara, the eminent Zoroastrian Scholar of Bombay. It was further announced by the Secretary that Sir Sitaram S. Patkar, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Kt., and several others have become patrons. As the seats in the Sunderbai Hall where the Convention is to be held, are limited, the public are hereby informed to book their seats as early as possible either by becoming members of the Reception Committee or the General Committee. For detailed information one may write to the President, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Khar; Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, Dadar; The General Secretary Mr. F. J. Ginwalla, Solicitor 107, Mahatma Gandhi Road, or to Mr. N. S. Chetty Hindustan Construction Co., Ballard Estate.

Organisation Of Shop Assistants

The Jt. Secretaries of the "Congress and Shop Assistants Committee has been busy collecting information about the existing shop-assistants (clerks and Gumastas, etc.) organisations in the City of Bombay and also in getting in touch with individuals of such Shop Assistants' establishments which are not organised, with a view to waking them up to organise themselves for enabling them to acquaint themselves more thoroughly with the Gandhian way of life and the Congress ideals and methods for achieving particularly the uplift of the Shop-Assistants themselves.

The Committee has drafted a statement setting forth clearly its aims and the lines on which it is going to work to achieve those aims in making an approach to this class (Shop-Assistants) of Society.

All these organizations of shop assistants and also individuals who may be anxious to co-operate with this Committee in its task are invited to communicate with the Jt. Hon. Secretaries, Congress and Shop Assistants' Committee, c/o N. B. Parulekar, 157/61, Princess Street, Bombay 2, or c/o "Famous Printers", 12, Tribhuvan Road, Bombay 4.

Fifteenth Indian Corps Closing In On Ramree Town

HEAVY FIGHTING FOR SOUTHERN BRIDGEHEAD EAST OF IRRAWADDY

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, February 9: Fifteenth Indian Corps troops are closing in on Ramree town, writes Donagh Macdonagh, A. P. I. War Correspondent.

To the west and north of the town Japanese positions in the hills are being heavily engaged.

On the western side of the island Allied troops, after crossing the Yanbauk Chaung which was strongly defended by the Japanese, are continuing to make progress southwards.

S. E. A. C. COMMUNIQUE

Today's S. E. A. C. communique says:

15TH INDIAN CORPS: On Ramree island our troops are moving south of the Yanbauk Chaung. Fighting continues in the neighbourhood of Ramree town.

Enemy forces trapped between the West African advancing from the north and our road block at Kangaw have continued to make vigorous efforts to break out, all of which have been countered by troops of the 25th Division with heavy losses to the enemy.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Operations to clear the Chindwin-Irrawaddy confluence continue. The enemy is resisting south of Nabet.

In the southern bridgehead east of the Irrawaddy heavy fighting continues. Following a successful airstrike our troops have entered the village of Kule north-west of Singu. Operations to clear it are in progress.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Troops of the Chinese First Army against light opposition yesterday reached Namhpakka, 77 miles from Lashio on the Burma Road.

In air operations three Allied aircraft are missing.—A. P.

AUSTRALIA TO HELP INDIA!

Views Of Adviser To Trade Mission

PERTH (Australia) Feb. 8: Michael Brown of the "Times of India" arrived from Ceylon by plane today. Adviser to the influential India Trade Mission due here shortly, Mr. Brown indicated that the Australian industry will play a vital part in India's gigantic post-war expansion programme which calls for an expenditure of not less than 1,000 million Australian pounds.

890 million sterling in the first five years alone. He added India during the past two years had been planning her future in a big way. It was felt Australia and India could get closer together to their mutual advantage. The mission was coming to Australia in a purely exploratory role.—Reuter

AGGRESSIVE PATROLS IMPROVE ALLIED POSITIONS IN ITALY

Heavy Bombers Attack Targets In Austria

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ., Feb. 9: To-day's Communique said: "FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP: Aggressive patrols have improved our positions by several hundred yards in the Fifth Army's coastal sectors. Elsewhere on the Italian front there has been no appreciable change.

Strong forces of escorted heavy bombers attacked communications targets in the Vienna area and railyards at Graz in Austria. Fighter sweep over the Zagreb area in Yugo again concentrated heavily against the strategic force.

Medium and fighter bombers of the Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force against concentrated heavily against enemy communications in Northern Italy and against targets on the Brenner rail route.

NORWEGIAN SECURITY POLICE CHIEF ASSASSINATED

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The Norwegian Radio quoted an Oslo Police Department announcement that Major General Kjrl Martinsen Head of the Norwegian Security Police was assassinated to-day.

He was ambushed and shot while on the way to his office. He was killed instantly and the driver of his car was seriously wounded. His attackers used machine-guns and automatic pistols.—Reuter.

Eastern Army Ex-Chief Decorated

LONDON, Feb. 9.

The King at Buckingham Palace received in audience on Friday General Sir M. Mayne on relinquishing his appointment as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Army in India and on his appointment as Military Secretary at the India Office. The King decorated him with the Knight Commander of the Bath.

Censorship Relaxed In Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 9.—The Egyptian Government today announced relaxation of censorship on newspapers in Egypt. Prime Minister Ahmed Maher Pasha has put editors on their honour and newspapers can in future print news and comment freely without submission to censorship. They must, however, bear in mind military and public security and the country's general interests. There is no change in censorship regulations regarding incoming and outgoing press telegrams.—Reuter.

South Africa's War Cost

CAPETOWN, Feb. 9: The Minister of Finance and Education Mr. J. H. Hofmeyer announced in the Assembly to-day that South Africa's total war expenditure to the end of last year amounted to 403 million sterling or approximately an average of 200,000 daily.

WHY CEYLON HAD NO FOOD SHORTAGE

Homi Mehta Commends Food Controller's Vigilance

A pleasant function came off at the Radio Club on Friday night at which Sir Oliver Gomatilakke, Civil Defence Commissioner and Director of Food Supplies, Ceylon, was entertained to a dinner party by Mr. P. K. Nataraja, Agent, Ceylon Government Supplies, Bombay.

Mr. Raymond Gunesekara, a prominent Ceylonese merchant, at the outset said that Ceylon depended upon practically every outside country for its food supplies and yet there was not a single death due to starvation. That was because of the special precautions taken by Sir Oliver.

Sir Homi Mehta remarked that Sir Oliver had rendered Yeomen service for Ceylon and on account of his vigilance there was no shortage of food in Ceylon. The same could, however, not be said about India. Our country was so devided that one portion could not have the same things as the others. But, all the same India during the past few months had shown that she had not suffered from food shortage. He could give an assurance that what happened in India would never recur again.

FEELING OF AFFINITY.

Sir Oliver Gomatilakke in reply to the speeches said that Ceylon was going to be of greater importance to India in the years to come than most other countries. He wanted India to look with a feeling of affinity towards that little island.

In conclusion he thanked the hosts and all those who had graced the occasion.

The function terminated after a dance.

The guests were looked after by Mr. H. R. Graham, the Manager of the Radio Club. Mr. N. T. Sitalani, a prominent Sindhi merchant from Ceylon, familiarised the Indian guests with his Ceylonese friends.

One Pound Of Rice Per Week In Ceylon

Describing the condition of Ceylon during the past two years, at a Tea Party given in his honour by the President and members of the Ceylonese Association in Bombay at the Taj Mahal Hotel on Friday afternoon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Civil Defence Commissioner and Chief Food Controller of Ceylon stated that the rice was rationed to such an extent, that only one pound of polished rice per head per week was given, and the people had to live only on one pound rice per week! If India had to struggle for food, Ceylon had to struggle still more.

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas speaking on India and Ceylon said that after the war there should be laid an economic plan, so that both India and Ceylon could pull together without any trouble for food stuff.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mr. V. S. C. Singham, thanked the Sir Oliver for all that he had done for Ceylon not only for the defence of that country, but also in supplying food to the people.

PRICES OF BRASS UTENSILS FURTHER REDUCED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9.—A further reduction in the ceiling prices of brass utensils will take effect from February 10, 1945, says a Press Note.

The prices of utensils manufactured from brass sheets released by Government have hitherto ranged from Rs. 1/13 to Rs. 2/1 per lb. The Industries and Civil Supplies Department have decided that the prices will now range from Rs. 1/10 to Rs. 2 per lb. They have also reduced the ceiling prices of utensils manufactured from uncontrolled metal at Moradabad from Rs. 3 to Rs. 2/12 per lb. The ceiling prices of all other brass utensils will be reduced from Rs. 2/9 to Rs. 2/5 per lb.—A.P.

Literacy Work In Thana

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, Feb. 9: Mr. V. V. Dandekar, M.L.A. President, Thana District Local Board paid a visit to Dahanu, to meet Messrs. V. B. Karnik and V. R. Takle members Thana District School Board to discuss with them the plans of carrying out a district wise campaign for spreading literacy.

Messrs. Karnik and Takle have prepared a scheme and it will be placed before some district workers in the district. Mr. Haribhau Phatak, who is in charge of the Literacy Department of the Constructive Programme Committee of Maharashtra, is expected to visit Thana shortly to discuss further details about the Literacy Campaign.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Cost Of Skimmed Milk

The public has been given to understand by the Director of Civil Supply (Milk) that whereas a maund of fresh buffalo's milk in Bombay costs Rs. 30, an equal amount of reconstituted milk from skimmed powder will cost Rs. 10 only, i.e., the price ratio will be 3:1.

Let me now compare it with food value ratio as measured by calories: 100 grams of buffalo milk give 117 calories.

100 grams of reconstituted milk from skimmed powder give 36 calories, i.e., the food value ratio is 3:0.92 (9/10). From the above figures it is clear that milk prepared from skimmed powder 11 per cent dearer than fresh buffalo milk even at its present abnormally high rates due to scarcity.

The caloric value figures have been taken from the Health Bulletin No. 23 (1938) published by the Government of India.

Further, this dearer milk of skimmed powder will be devoid of vitamins on which depends the health-giving quality of foods.

Far better it would be to import meat and conserve the cattle wealth of the country whereby the present difficulties could be tided over in a few years.

B. V. VED,
L.M. & S.

Bombay University

I take this opportunity of thanking, through your columns, the Vice-Chancellor, the Syndicate and the Registrar for rescinding the resolution with regard to the appointments of paper-setters and moderators at the Matriculation examination in response to the demand made by various organisations of secondary teachers and my Society.

A special meeting of the Senate of the Bombay University is to be held to consider the report of the Syndicate on certain malpractices alleged to have taken place at the recent University examinations. It is hoped that the Senate will rise to the occasion by giving its whole-hearted support to it and maintain the dignity of the body. It is an important issue and if the Senate does not show its confidence in the findings of the Syndicate, the Syndicate will have no alternative but to resign.

I entirely agree with you that the present University Act is outmoded and needs a thorough overhauling.

G. V. GADGIL,
Secretary,
Gokhale Education Society.

Pensioners Of Primary Schools

It is an universally admitted fact that owing to the world-wide War the prices of food-stuffs etc. have risen so abnormally high that the struggle for existence has become very difficult. In view of this difficult situation Government were pleased to sanction dearness allowance to all pensioners upto Rs. 30 excluding pensioners of Primary schools. It is not known why these poor pensioners of primary schools have been deprived of this concession. The primary teachers trained at Government cost are treated as Government hands and lent to local boards and municipalities for service only. They are paid pensions from Government Treasuries. Their condition of life is miserable in ordinary days and is still more miserable in these hard days. They are considered as foundation stones of primary education and they deserve special and prompt consideration of Government in this respect. The fact that during the last great War, when prices of food-stuffs etc. had not risen so high, dearness allowance was also sanctioned to pensioners of primary schools is another plea in support of this prayer.

"A SYMPATHISER".

Dharwar.

Supply Of Brass Sheets

In normal times brass sheets were imported to a certain extent from foreign countries, and the balance was manufactured and distributed by Messrs. India Copper Corporation Ghatsila, through their agents Messrs. Gillanders Arbuthnot and Co. Calcutta.

Such was the condition of this trade, but due to these war affairs it is peculiarly changed and instead of proper supply of brass sheets under the Brass Utensils Control, 1944, there is mismanagement either due to misleading or misunderstanding in Bombay Presidency and Indian States.

Such factory holders are rich and have all means to run their business on a large scale. As a matter of fact, on one hand they manufacture brass sheets out of the second hand and worn out materials bought at cheaper rates from the market, and at the same time they are supplied their quota of sheets from Government. As stated above they take double advantage of stocking and selling those sheets manufactured and supplied by the Government. Moreover they sell at higher rates or at the rates they desire. As the brass sheets quota is solely supplied to the factory holders, the other traders and the artizans who use to buy sheets and prepare various types of pots, such as trays, cauldrons, frying pans etc. suffer very heavily in absence of any supply of brass sheets.

Thus, not only Bombay and other cities' traders suffer, but in absence of the non-supply of sheets millions of poor artizans failed to earn their livelihood easily from this business.

I am at a loss to understand as to why there ought to be any partiality and preference in distribution of the quota of such goods.

In my humble and honest opinion all the traders in this line either in British India or Indian States must be equally treated and proportionate quota be supplied by right. As there is no such arrangement at present we have no other alternative but to approach the authorities concerned through the columns of newspapers also.

Under these circumstances I humbly appeal and ask the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay and the authorities of the Central Government, Delhi to pay proper attention to this business matter and redress our just grievances immediately.

AGGRIEVED

Navsari.

Water Shortage In City

On the one hand we hear the cry of shortage of water in the city of Bombay and on the other there is so much criminal waste of water. It is well-known that where regulators in water tanks work defectively, they are removed altogether with the consequence that following free flow of water into the tank at night, there is overflow and innumerable gallons of water are wasted. This fact seems to have escaped the attention of the Hydraulic Department of the Municipality who can verify the same and put a stop to the criminal wastage of water that is occurring daily at night, by detailing inspectors to examine tanks on the top of houses. This additional trouble and expense will repay the Corporation and allay to same extent its anxiety regarding shortage of water.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Step Motherly Treatment

The cottage industry which is so essential and helpful to the millions of Indians, got a crushing blow by the Central Government's control order on the woollen cloth made from mill yarn on hand looms. The rates fixed are based on haphazard calculations, hopelessly inaccurate and positively wrong, with the result that thousands of poor workers who lived from hand to mouth are forced to be out of work. Woollen cottage industry got a very helping impetus when hand spun hand-made blankets and blanketing cloth for the military requirements were manufactured from the different parts of the country. We are given to understand that the Government of India is planning to place its order with foreign countries. We feel confident that the Government will never like to see millions, who are directly or indirectly connected with the industry, starve.

We request the Government to remove the control order or to fix the rates with the help of those who are in the know of the manufacturing process of the handlooms woollen cloth.

S. MASOODUL HASAN ZAIDE.
President, Eastern Punjab Woollen Handlooms Manufacturers Association.

Panipat.

Bandra Municipal Election

It appears that Government have turned down the request of the Bandra Municipality to extend its term and therefore elections for the next triennial period will have to be held as soon as the Electoral Rolls are ready. These are being revised I am told; some of the sitting councillors have already begun their activities. I wish to point out to the electors of the borough of Bandra, i.e. residents of Bandra, Danda, Khar, Santa Cruz and Kolikalyan, the great and serious need of exercising their votes with caution. It often happens that sitting councillors begin their activities quite early and voters act on the principle of first come first served. As a voter myself I want to request fellow voters not to promise their votes to any one sitting already or offering themselves for election for the first time unless nominations have been accepted and published. I wish also to point out the need of exercising extreme caution in the casting of votes. Let us ask in the case of sitting members what each has done during his or her term of three years shortly coming to a close. In the case of candidates of loner standing in the municipality let us ask what has been their cumulative record of their councillorship. Let no considerations of friendship, or community or religion sway our judgment. The vote is a sacred civic trust and it should never be cast in favour of anybody who has not a fair record of service rendered either as a councillor or as a member of any local institution doing public work.

My other appeal to educated voters is this. Why not offer yourselves as candidates for election? After all, municipal work is not so exacting that you cannot spare enough leisure for it. One of the main reasons why local self-Government has not been the success it should have been is that the right type of people seldom offer themselves for election.

VEERBAL H. MEHTA.

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"BARE NAWAB SAHEB" RELEASED AT TAJ

Purchasers Of "Navjavan" Feel Happy: Radium Jubilee Of "Shakuntala"

By T. V. P.

"I am more than gratified at the run of Chal Chal re Naujavan", said a partner in the General Talkies who have purchased the Filmistan picture. "When we paid the big price of Eighteen Lacs", he added, "people said we were putting too many eggs in one basket. Well, it turns out to be a sounder basket than we had ourselves anticipated".

He explained to me that the "Naujavan" was doing as splendid business in Delhi as in Bombay. What enthused him more, was apparently the very warm reception of the picture in Lucknow, which is regarded as a box-office touchstone.

In the Deccan, Hyderabad has taken the lead, with an unprecedented gate of between 1,300 to 1,400 per show, steadily. The record sale price of "Naujavan" has already brought a tremendous reputation to Filmistan. The reputation is being substantiated and sustained by the actual box-office results.

Two More In Making

Meanwhile, with the added vigour of this triumph, Filmistan has launched a double production programme. Director Nitin Bose did the "muhurt" of one on Thursday, and plunged straight into scheduled work without spending time to celebrate. Another script is also ready, and production will start in a fortnight's time.

"Meri Bahen" At Central

New Theatres' "My Sister" co-starring Saigal, Akhtar Jehan, Nirmala is a great draw at Central for many of its production values. First of all, it is a rather uncommon story by Binoy Chatterji, emphasising as it does a brother's love for his sister and the sister's love for her brother. The smooth, silken music of the picture, pleasant photography and, recording and appropriate acting by all concerned leave a total splendid effect on the mind of a spectator.

Radium Jubilee Of "Shakuntala"

After celebrating Silver, Golden Diamond jubilee weeks Rajkamal's 'Shakuntala" has now entered in the 75th week—which may be described as the Radium Jubilee week. The picture in colour is as popular as it was in the first few weeks with the result that it may be expected to run for many more weeks yet. This popularity is a tribute paid to Shantaram's artistry, Jayashree's histrionic talent and the high production standard of Rajkamal Kalamandir.

"Chand" In Splendid Shape

Prabhat's "Chand" at the Krishna is acquiring an extensive popularity.

"BARE NAWAB SAHEB"

Silver Films' "Bare Nawab Saheb" was released yesterday at Taj Talkies. Produced by Pramila, directed by Vedi under the supervision of Kumar it is a delightful social depicting the life of the Nawabs in U. P. Chandramohan, Bibbo, Pahari Sanyal are featured in this film.

Bibbo and Pramila in 'Bare Nawab Saheb' at Taj.

Ragini in "Dassi" at Minerva.

Extensive, because the reputation of the film has preceded it all over the country, as the Master's Voice Sales Department attests from the orders received for "Chand" song records. It need hardly be added, then, that Bombay is completely under the spell of its mellow charm and its bristling humour. While "Chand" has made new stars of Begum Para, Sapru and Balakram, it has graduated director D. D. Kashyap to greatness in his calling.

Significance Of 'Lalkar' Success

The success of "Lalkar" at Delhi as well as Calcutta, and the continued popularity of the picture in Bombay at New West End where "Lalkar" is now running in the 10th week reaffirms Jayant Desai's position as the box-office champion.

This success is particularly welcome in the case of a picture like "Lalkar" which has vital social significance. The significance of the picture lies in the fact that it vigorously propagates for spread of literacy and portrays in a dramatic manner how illiterate masses of India would be able to solve many of their problems only if they could read and write.

"Shalimar" A Query Answered

With reference to a "Chronicle" paragraph stating that the theme of Roop Shoray's historical film "Shalimar" is Justice given by Nur Jehan, I have been asked whether a Moghul queen took any part in the country's administration.

So far as history is concerned, the facts are that Nur Jehan was an exception among Moghul queens: that Jehangir shared his sovereignty with her, in that her name appeared along with his, on coins and in the Royal Seal; and thirdly, that on the death of Nur Jehan's father who was Vazier of the realm, Jehangir conferred that position on her.

"Parbat Pe Apna Dera"

In its 20th week, now Rajkamal's latest offering "Parbat Pe Apna Dera" which critics have hailed as the most outstanding psychological portrait of man's character, continues to be a popular attraction at Novelty. It is a bold, unconventional handling of the subject matter that has made

Nargis in 'Ismat' at Lamington.

"Parbat Pe Apna Dera" a picture so dynamic.

"Ismat" And "Aina"

"Ismat" Fazli Brothers' social was released at Lamington last Saturday and has been received well by the audiences. "Lal Haveli" in the 9th week at Capitol is still doing well. "Aina" D-R-D Wadia's fine family picture of domestic feuds released last week at Imperial has proved popular "Jwar Bhata" of Bombay Talkies enters the eleventh week at Majestic to the delight of every visitor.

"Janosik" At Kohinoor

For the convenience of the public staying at Dadar-Matunga the Friends of the Soviet Film Society present a fine Czechoslovakian picture with the kind co-operation of the Czech Consul at "Kohinoor" on Sunday at 10 a.m. The picture is entitled "Janosik" after the name of a simple peasant's son from Slovakia who becomes Czechoslovakia's national hero.

Adulteration In Food And Drugs

In view of the extensive use of restaurants and so-called "patent" medicines by persons of all ages in the City, I wish to draw the attention of the authorities to the danger of the use of food and drug acuaterants. A recent session of the American Public Health Association listened to a recital of food adulterations that have cost many lives, much illness, considerable discomfort and betrayal of the confidence of the public.

The list included ersatz garns made from four smelling asafoetida, conserves made from citrus fruits retrieved from filthy garbage, fish packed in second-hand barrels that had contained poisonous lead substances and spurious herbs to replace unobtainable stocks such as marjoram, thyme, sage, savory and laurel leaves.

Sugar rationing resulted in importations of filth contaminated honey and candies containing non-permitted coal tar dyes and talc. In the drug field lots of ipecac root, calcium corns, rhubarb, belladonna root, saffron, lavender flower, jumper berries and others were discovered to be spurious.

Among substitutes one preserve manufacturing firm substituted grated carrots for a considerable percentage of the usual fruit content. Another manufacturer substituted asafoetida as a flavoring agent in so-called garlic preparations. Mineral oil, which has no food value and interferes with the absorption of vitamins, A and D and other fat soluble vitamins, was substituted in salad dressings for vegetable oils, and also was found in popped corn, candy and chocolate ice cream coatings.

Various substitutes for butter were placed on the market. One contained about 30 per cent of the normal butter fat content of butter. Another contained no butter fat.

Horse meat was substituted for beef and ground cocoa residue, consisting largely of cocoa shells, appeared in cakes and candy as a substitute for cocoa. Coffee was adulterated with roasted cereal, chick peas, soybeans and chicory. A cereal product formed to the appearance of cocoanut shreds was used as a topping for cocoanut bars. Shelled pumpkin seeds were mixed with nuts in a product sold as mixed salted nuts. Most of the olive oil bought from countries that have no pure-food control was found to be adulterated with cottonseed oil and other less expensive edible oils, though it was labeled "pure virgin olive oil."

Enough diethelyne glycol to kill 2,000,000 people a year was offered by a manufacturer as a substitute for glycerine in drugs, medicines, foods, cosmetics and lotions. The administration caught it before harm was done and the manufacturer paid a fine of 3,000 dollars.

0 Nearly one million bottles of Spanish and Portuguese brandy was found to contain large dangerous glass slivers due to bottles made with defective apparatus. Lead tubes used as a substitute for tin, caused chemical changes that rendered its contents, a birth control preparation, worthless. Inferior rubber stoppers caused chemical changes in medicines with serious damage to patients.

Under these circumstances, the authorities ought to take good care before they invite the public to use substitutes, during war time. They should understand that in recommending the use of substitutes, they warrant its contents.

NAYAN H. PANDIA.

"Polluted Urdu"

In the course of a communication addressed to the Hon. Sir Sultan Ahmed, Information Member Government of India, Mr. Joher Qureshi, General Secretary, All-India Bazame Nashere Urdu, writes:—

The view-point of Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu put in the discussions of the Advisory Committee regarding the language used by Radio that it is polluted Urdu, is wrong. A.I.R. has been neglecting the long-standing protest of many Indians regarding Urdu and manufacturing a language which is neither Urdu nor polluted Urdu. Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu has failed miserably to fulfill the timely demands of Urdu language. This neglect is badly affecting the future of Urdu and unless the question of a united national language is officially settled, the supporters of Sanskrit and Urdu will continue accusing the A.I.R. The only solution is to transmit Urdu and Sanskrit programmes from separate transmitters, presently it may be difficult to arrange such programmes from Bombay and Lucknow, yet from Delhi A.I.R. the experiment can successfully be carried out from two short wave and two medium wave transmitters.

JOHER QURESHI.

RAILWAY WORKERS' PLEA FOR MORE DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

LAHORE, Feb. 9.

An appeal to the members of all parties in the Central Assembly to support the demand of increased dearness allowance to railway employees in accordance with the recommendations of the Rau Committee in the present session, is made in the course of a joint statement issued, amongst others, by Begum Iftikharuddin, Mr. K. L. Rallia Ram, M.L.A., Mr. Mazahar Ali Azhar, M.L.A., Mian Mumtaz Daultana, M.L.A., General Secretary, Punjab Provincial Muslim League, Sardar Sohan Singh Josh, M.L.A. and Sardar Taja Singh Swatantar.

Shrimati Rameshwari Nehru supporting the demand of railway workers suggests the setting up of a popular arbitration board to redress the complaints of railway employees.—United Press.

Trespass Charge Against Govt. Officials

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

A complaint alleging house trespass has been instituted in the court of the District Magistrate, Delhi, against Rai Sahib Jawahar Lal, Assistant Controller, Civil Supplies and Ch. Mohd. Asghar and some other police officers by one Jaswant Rai of Central Lane, New Delhi.

The complainant alleges that the respondents threatened him with dire consequences if he did not vacate the house occupied by him.—A. P.

Well-Known German Poetess Dies In Rags

JERUSALEM, (By Mail)

A poetess who achieved international fame in pre-Hitler Germany has died in rags in Jerusalem. She was Else Laaker-Schueler who in 1932 received the Kleist Prize, the highest German literary award, for one of her literary productions.

Her final years were spent in poverty in the dream-world of the East which formed the source of much of her inspired songs in former years. She was 69.—A. P.

LAHORE, Feb. 9: Prof. N. G. Ranga, will preside over the First Punjab Provincial Nationalist Students' Conference to be held here on February 10 and 11.

Mr. Joachim Alwa, editor of the "Forum", Bombay, will inaugurate the Conference.—United Press.

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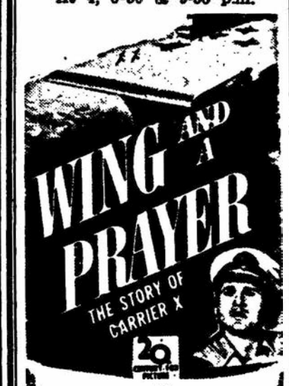

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Cotton Prices Decline On Tired Liquidation

SHARE BAZAR QUIET WITH INDIFFERENT SUPPORT

Bullion Market Meets Selling Pressure

BOMBAY, February 9.

The Share Bazar opened slightly higher but before it can improve, general selling appeared and the market assumed declining tendency. There was utter absence of buying and the market was quiet. In view of excellent war news, ever-present peace moves and uncertainty of Budget proposals, the market is not likely to assume any definite price tendency.

Bullion Market had two sided rapid movements. Early drop on liquidation was followed by active support, but increased selling pressure.

Cotton Market declined on tired long liquidation as there is no desire to accept March tenders.

At present there is less desire to enter on the constructive side and in the absence of support, City Markets are likely to sag further.

The Share Bazar was quiet to-day and in view of week-end uncertainties and favourable war news there was some long liquidation which resulted in declining tendency. The market is inclined to await developments and daily turnover is being reduced and pending the announcement of the Central Budget, no important price movement is possible. However private expectations prior to the Budget may have temporary influence.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened today at Rs. 2105 and declined to Rs. 2090. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 394 and declined to Rs. 388. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1795 and eased out to Rs. 1777. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 604 and downturned at Rs. 591.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 445; Apollo 4-1/2; Bharat Spg. 62/8; Bom. Dyeing 1780; Central India 381; Century 910; Colaba 214; Dawn 1250; Edward 770; Elphinstone 86; Finlay 303; Gokak 296; Hindustan 3600; Indian Bleaching 173; India United Ord. 14/13; India United Def. 3-1/2; Indore 690; Khatau 338/12; Kohinoor 591; Lakshmi 1340; Madhovji 16; Minerva 265; Model Nagpur 255; Madhusudan 447/8; Meyer 214; Morarji 708/12; Mysore 345; New Great 390; Phoenix 560; Podar 840; Sassoon Silk 89/8; Sassoon Cotton 22/4; Shrinivas 350; Sholapur 7600; Simplex 254; Swadeshi 528; Swan 320; Tata Mills 67; Visnnu 460; Western India 3580.

INSURANCE: Bombay Life 875; Empire Life 1010; Vulcan 17/12; Oriental 6325; New India 80; All-India General pr. 2/8; Industrial Prudential 46; Indian Mercantile 7150; Jupiter 35/10; B. I. G. 22.

HYDRO & ELCT.: Ahmedabad Electric 216/14; Andhra Valley 1807/8; Ajmere 15; Bombay Tram 149; Bombay Suburban 212/8; Broach 12/12; Karachi 234/6; Poona 300; Surat Old 217; Surat New Prem 90; Tata Power 1870; Tata Hydro 205.

BANK: Baroda 141; India 191; Central 80/8; Imperial F. Paid 1982/8; Imperial P. Paid 490; Reserve 133; National Savings F. P. 80; National Savings P. P. 40; United Commercial 68.

PREFERENCE SHARES: 7 p c Andhra Valley 1872/8; 6 p c Bom. Steamer 350; 7 p c Bombay Trani T. F. 72; 7 p c Bradbury 542; 7 p c Elphinstone 125; 5 p c Central India 737; 6-1/2 p c Jupiter 18/14; 6-1/2 p c Surat 197; 6 p c Tata 1st 232; 7-1/2 p c Tata 2nd 160/12; 7-1/2 p c Tata Power 1775; 7 p c Tata Hydro 168/12 7 p c Vishnu 802/8.

DEBENTURES: 4 p c Andhra Valley 108; 4 p c Tata Power 107/10; 4 p c Tata Chemical 127/8; 6 p c Marsland Price 121; 4-1/2 p c Bombay Steamer 108.

RAILWAY: Ahmedabad Prantij 746/4; Cent. Provinces 108/8; Hosiarpur 118/12; Mandrabhom 109; Mymensing Rld. 111; Mymensingh Gtd. 111/4; Sarasrajganj 112; Sialkot Naroval 121; Sialkot Naroval New 53.

MISC: Alembic 565; Alcock 440; Associated Cement 227/8; Burma Old 550; Burma New 210; Belapur 220; B. B Petrol 5-3-1/2; Bombay Steamer 585; Investa Trust 124/8; Premier Constr. 217; Port Canning 105; Scindia 34; Shivrajpur 54/8; Tata Chemical 20/5; Tata Ordinary 387; Tata Deferred 2072/8; Tata Oil 70; Wimco 317/8; B. I. C. 6/6; Bradbury Ordinary 391/4; Burma Corporation 5/8; Dharamsi Chemical 51/14; Indian Copper 3-1/2; Indian Irons 38/12; Jaipur Bank 73; H. C. Bank 54; Habib Bank 80; Union Bank 9/8; New Victoria Ord. 7/4; New Victoria Pref. 9/2; New City 395; New Union 24; Steel Corp. 31/12; Raza Textile 74; Rampur Maize 46.

Gold & Silver

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

Last night the bullion market was depressed on extensive liquidation and today after early decline, a prominent Gujarati operator was reported a free buyer and quotations rallied. It appears that professional operators with their expensive capacity are influencing the course of the market.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 124/4 and 12,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 71/4.

In the local market forward Gold opened at Rs. 71 and declined to Rs. 70/9 on increased liquidation but active support from professional quarters soon appeared and Gold price recovered to Rs. 71/3. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of seven annas at Rs. 71/10. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 124 and declined to Rs. 123/12 but soon improved to Rs. 124/5. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 124/10.

Later on there was increased selling pressure and the general feeling was bearish. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 123/10, Forward Rs. 123/6. Ready Gold Rs. 71/2, Forward Rs. 70/10.

Bombay Cotton

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

As anticipated the local market remains uninteresting and quotations are moving within a narrow range. It is said that the market is controlled at present level by big operators. Outside participation is decreasing. March delivery opened today at Rs. 242 and declined to Rs. 241/8 and later steadied at Rs. 242/4.

Later on there was general tired liquidation and March declined to Rs. 238/8 and rallied to Rs. 239/8. Karachi market advices were easier and the market was quiet. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	.....	436	12 0
I.C.C. May	.....	446	12 0
I.C.C. July	.....	458	12 0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 475 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	444/8	441/8	442
I.C.C. May	486	483/4	484/4
I.C.C. July	46/12	46	466/8
Karachi March	45/2	45/11	45/11

BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

The local market was quietly steady with very little business passing and quotations are more or less nominal. Groundnuts Goa delivery were quoted at Rs. 14/7/6 while January/march delivery was placed at Rs. 14/9/6 Castorseeds ready were quoted at Rs. 15/10 and Goa delivery was done at Rs. 15/8. Linseed C.P. and U.P. was quoted at Rs. 16/8/6. G.I.P. Stations was placed at Rs. 15/7/6 and N. S. Ry. was quoted at Rs. 15/5.

KORIS EXCHANGE

BHUJ, Feb. 9.

Today Hundi Koris 301 Silver Rs. 100/8. Gold Rs. 69.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

Tata Ordinary 387/8 Tata Deferred 2076/4 Indian Iron 36/12 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 31/14 Bombay Dyeing 1771/4 Central India 382/8 Century 900 Gokak 292/8 Kohinoor 590 Simplex 256 Andhra Valley 1810 Tata Hydro 205 Tata Power 1880 Associated Cement 226/8 Belapur 220 Bombay Burma (Old) 560.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 9.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	72-3/4
Consols 2-1/2 p c	82-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-15/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104-15/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-5/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	10-3/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	83-1/2
National Bank of India	43

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

MILLS.

Ahmedabad Advance 445
Apollo 4/0/6
B. Dyeing 1800 1780
Central India (Ord) 381/8 81
Century 907/8
Colaba 214
David 1400
Edward 772/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 87 88 86
Elphinstone (Pref) 125
Finlay 303
Gokak 29d 96
India United (Defd) 3/0/6
India United (Ordy) 14/13/6
Indore Malwa 690
Khatau 338/12
Koh.noor 597 91
Meyer 214/6
Model 2pp
Morarjee 708/12
New City 410
New Great 390
Podar 340
Sassoon Silk 89/8
Sassoon Cotton 22/4
Shrinivas 360
Simplex 256/8 54
Swadeshi 535 28
Swan 322
Tata Mills 66/8 67/12 67
Vishnu 460
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 746/4
Central Provinces Rly. 103/4 3/8

BANKS.

A. B. C. 36
Baroda 141
Central 80/12 80/4 80/8
Imperial (Fully Paid) 1982/8
Imperial (Partly Paid) 490
India 191
Reserve 133

ELECTRIC COS

Amalgamated 18
Andhra Valley 1807/8
Tram (Ord) 149
Tram (Pref) 72
Tata Hydro 205/8 5
Tata Power 1872/8 75 68/12 70

INSURANCE COS.

British India 22
Emp.re 1005 10
Jupiter 35/10
New India 80/4
Bombay Steam 565
Scindia 34/4
Tata Steel (Defd) 2105 2090 95 72/8
Tata Steel (Ordy) 393 89 91 87
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 441/4 40
A. Cement 227 27/8
Belapur 220
Burmah (Old) 550
Burmah (New) 210
B. B. Petrol 5/4/6 5/3 5/4 5/3/6
Port Canning 103
P. Construction 220
P. Construction (2nd Pref) 139/8
Shivrajpur 54/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/5
Tata Chemical (Pref) 130
Tata Oil 70
Western India Match 317/8
National Savings Bank (Fully Paid) 80
National Savings Bank (Partly Paid) 40

INCREASED SELLING IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Ever-Present Possibilities Of Peace Moves

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.

The market was hesitant awaiting fresh developments in connection with the meeting of the Big Three and legislative matters. Prices eventually sagged with dribbling hedges exceeding price-fixing. Continual favourable war news and the ever-present possibilities of peace moves were the most discussed features. In the afternoon the market was easy on increased liquidation in sympathy with grains together with increasing dubiousness over enactment of the proposed revised parity formula legislation. The session closed barely steady.

March delivery opened at 21.88 and improved to 21.90 which was the highest level. Later March declined to 21.75 and the session closed at a new decline of 10 to 15 points. Spot cotton price was reduced 12 points at 22.09c per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	21.79—11
May	21.64—10
July	21.23—13
October	20.57—15
December	20.48—15
January	20.42—15
March highest (10-47 a.m.)	21.90—
March lowest (1-57 p.m.)	21.75—15
Middling Spot	22.09—12

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	21.74—08
May	21.63—06
July	21.26—12
Middling Spot	21.20—10

NOON CALL

March	21.88
May	21.73
July	21.35

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb 8

Spot 25-1/2 Forward 25-1/2 Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 8

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41/3 March quoted
Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered
Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered

STATEMENT OF IMPERIAL BANK

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 2nd February:

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:— Rs. 5,62,50,000; Reserve Fund Rs. 6,00,00,000; Fixed Deposit, Saving Bank, Current and other Accounts Rs. 232,39,74,000; Sundries Rs. 66,84,000; Rupees 244,69,08,000.

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:— Government Securities Rs. 139,48,04,000; Other Authorised Investments Rs. 4,01,17,000.

ADVANCES:— Loans Rs. 21,76,94,000; Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 45,05,58,000; Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 4,75,35,000; Dead Stock Rs. 1,66,45,000; Sundries Rs. 1,20,27,000.

CASH:— In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 23,64,03,000; Balances with other Banks Rs. 3,11,25,000.

Rupees 244,69,08,000.

INDIAN TRADE WITH BURMA

Britain To Give Preference To U. K. C. C.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in the course of a telegram to the Secretary to the Government of India, Commerce Department, New Delhi, states: The recent news that telephonic communication has been established between Akyab and India and that consumer goods are being supplied from India to civilian population at Akyab and other places encourages the hope that business relations and shipping services between the two countries would soon be established. The Committee understands that all facilities are being accorded by His Majesty's Government to British firms and houses for proceeding to liberated parts of Burma and some of them have already gone there and restarted their business activities. The Committee is, however, seriously perturbed to learn that so far as Indians are concerned they would have to apply to the South East Asia Command and not to the Government of India for securing such facilities; moreover it is understood that trade between India and Burma will be carried on by a branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation which can command British and Allied shipping for that purpose.

The Committee strongly feels that the Government of India should ensure that the trade between India and Burma, which has been built up during last several decades by Indians, should remain in their hands and should not be taken away from them by the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation. The Committee considers it absolutely imperative that facilities for going to the liberated parts of Burma under Military occupation should be accorded by the Government of India to Indians and they should not be placed in a position to approach the S. E. A. C. for that purpose.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 9.

3-1/2 p c G. P. Notes 99/7; 3 p c 1963-65 99/10; 3 p c 1966-68 98; 4 p c 1960-70 112/8; 4-1/2 p c 1955-60 117; 3-1/2 p c 1947-50 103/8; 2-3/4 p c 1948-52 Loan 99/6; 3 p c 1946 Def. 1st 102/5/6, 3 p c 1949-52 2nd 101/7, 3 p c 1951-54 3rd 100/8; 3 p c 1953-55 4th 100/1; 3 p c 1957 Victory 99/7.

CORPORATION DEBENTURES.

4 p c B. P. 1974 113/12; 4 p c M. Deb. 1974 118/12; 5 p c M. Deb. 1959 121; 6 p c M. Deb. 1954 130; 6 p c K. P. T. 1956 130.

TAX-FREE LOANS.

5 p c 1945-50 102/11; 4 p c 1953-55 123; 5 p c Mysore 135.

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 8.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 1 and 2 months, 1/6 9/32 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 1/8.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 1/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c. 3 to 6 months 1/2 p.c. 8 to 11 months 3/4 p.c. 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS

LONDON, Feb. 8

Total Bullion	1,765,000
Public deposits	22,900,000
(A) Other deposits	233,100,000
Government securities	216,200,000
(B) Other securities	19,300,000
Note, Gold and Silver coin	30,400,000
Notes in circulation	221,400,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	11.87%
(A) Other deposits include bankers	176,500,000
Other securities include discounts and advances	7,000,000
Total deposits	256,000,000
Total securities	235,500,000

HAPUR MARKET.

HAPUR, Feb. 9.

Wheat Fine 10, Dara Control 9/12, Stock 510, Khattia Gram 7/12, Stock 46, Barley 7/4, Stock 153, Peas Khatti 6/4, Stock 136, Arhar 7/12, Stock 128, Maize 7/4/3, Bajra 7/8, Juar 6/8, Bejhar 6/3, Rapeseed 12, Cake 3/2, Urad 13/6, Moong 10/10, Gur Chikna 8/12, Fatwa 9, Ramsugar 9/12, Guwar Balsakh 6/12/4-1/2, Bardana 55/11, Silver 123/12, Gold 70/8. Futures undertone easy on Big Three meetings reported complete agreement.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE.

MADRAS, Feb. 9.

Following are to-day's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES:—Deccan (10) 39, Do. (25) 93, India Sugar 54, Mysore Sugar 61/8, South India 16/8, Travancore 14/10.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 16/8, Chembra Peal.: 9/13, Fringfords 17/4, Manalur 6/10, Nellithanam 15/-, Pullangodes 3, Thirumbadi 4/8, Vaikundam 20/4, Vellamalai 29/8, Vellitam 30, Woodlands 11/12.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Wol 464, B. and C. Oldy 308/8, Coimbatore Murugan 191, Do. New 100/8, Kaleeswarar 725, Kothari Tex 32/12, Lakshmi 152/8 Do. New 75, Pankaja 281, Sitaram Spg. 182, Vasantha 315.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 113/8, Bruntons 12, Hind Trust 25, Ind. St. Roll 9/2, Mysore Chem. and Fert 26/12, Mysore Glass Enamel 23, Mettur Chem. 16/4, Do. Defd. 6/5, Singareni 21/8, Spencer 13/8.—A. P.

THE SPORTSMANS SPORTSFOLIO

(BY J. C. MAITRA.)

It appears that the hockey season this year will end in a flop. The Provincial Championship is now half way through but the interest shown in it by the public is, unlike previous years very small indeed. The reason is not far to seek. After the regrettable incident following the City Police—Lusitanians engagement in the League the Goans who are the largest supporters of this game in Bombay are practically boycotting the tournament as a community. They have naturally taken the Police beating to heart and no amount of persuasion would induce them to enter the B.P.H.A. ground again. In consequence, the gates are badly affected.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE.

The main charge against the Police is that a large number of them came in mufti on that day, spread themselves over the cheap sides of the enclosure and soon after the match was over, belabcured the spectators right and left with all kinds of missiles they could lay their hands on. There does not seem to be much doubt about the identity of the assailants as they left the field of operations in Police lorries, under the orders of their superior officers quite jubilant over their exploits of the day. It is in evidence that some of the spectators, among them a small boy, were injured and their clothes torn as a result of the unexpected charge against them. This is reprehensible on the part of the upholders of law and order.

GOANS' FAULT.

In defence of the Police or rather in extenuation of their part in the fray, it is said that the Goan supporters have been creating trouble of some kind or other whenever their favourite teams are defeated in a key match. It was only last year they pulled down the corrugated fencing and other barriers on the Association ground after they lost to the "Times of India" which deprived them of the Championship. But more intolerable is their abuse in filthy language of the players of the opposing sides and the supervising officials. It is therefore no wonder that the exasperated policemen gave the Goans what they have been asking for for a long while.

PLAYERS NOT INVOLVED.

Now I must make it clear that I have not been told all this by any Police Official or any member of their team. It is said by those who are disgusted with the general behaviours of the Lusitanian supporters. What the Police have got to say about the incident I have no the faintest idea. The matter is in the hands of the Commissioner of Police for investigation. It is hoped that he will make a thorough enquiry into the charges levelled against his men. One thing is clear that none of the players on either side were involved in the fights. Jameson and Scott, in fact, were seen asking the spectators—apparently the policemen in mufti to leave the field.

FINISH THE LEAGUE.

In this sad mess, the runners-up position in the First Division of League still remains undecided. If the Lusitanians play up their last match against the B.E.S.T. which they are sure to win, they would secure the second place in the Table. Should the concede a walk over—though I do not see any reason why they should—the G.I.P. Railway Headquarters will take up that position. It is time the B.P.H.A. decided this question soon. The Lusies have already fulfilled their engagement in the Provincial Championship and I am sure they will do so in the League.

PROTECTION NEEDED.

There is one point however which stands out very prominently before the public eye and that is the protection of the spectators under similar circumstances. Those who come to witness sport must have full protection from goondaism, whichever side it may come from. At the same time one must insist that sport-fans must behave as gentlemen. They must not use bad language against the officials or players. It is a pity there were no policemen in uniform on the ground that day. Their presence would certainly have saved a good deal of trouble. This is a sound lesson for B.P.H.A. for future guidance. But let us have sport in a sporting way.

SANGLI TRADE AT STAND-STILL

SANGLI, Feb. 7.

Sangli is experiencing very tense situation as no exports or imports of goods are taking place now. The new produce of tobacco is lying, as the same is not being exported. Jaggery has been prohibited from being imported from the British limits. only 140 carts have been imported in which jaggery was 4 carts groundnuts 108 carts, chillis 5 carts, gheen 3 carts and tobacco 23 carts.

Since tobacco is not being exported the rate is steady although permit has been granted for 2 wagons for tobacco, not a single wagon is moving from the station. The merchants are also buying their requirements moderately with the result that a lot of commodities are lying in a stock. Groundnut has gone down considerably and yet there is no demand.

New cotton will be imported very shortly. Chillis have been bought for export but the same is yet lying here due to no movements of goods trains.

England v. Australia In Test Cricket

R.A.F. AND R.A.A.F. TO MEET IN DELHI TO-DAY

One of the few sporting events to be broadcast from Delhi since the outbreak of war will be the cricket "Test" between the R.A.F. and Royal Australian Air Force at Irwin Stadium, Delhi, oval on Feb. 10 and 11.

A ball-to-ball description of play will be given on the afternoon of both days by F/Lt. G.T. Geeson and Mr. W.A.C. Morley.

Air Vice-Marshal A.C.H. Sharp will captain the English Eleven, which includes a number of county and League players.

F/Lt. Vic Richardson, former Australian Test all-rounder, who is well-known to cricketers in England and South Africa, will lead the Australians, who are looking to F/O V. D. Guthrie and F/O C. Gellatly to repeat their batting successes of earlier encounters with the R.A.F.

The play will start both days at 11-30.

ENGLAND (R.A.F.) TEST TEAM

AIR VICE MARSHAL A. C. H. SHARP, DSO (CAPT): Has represented the R.A.F. for many years and last appeared for them in 1939. In European XI in Karachi Pentangular Tournament.

WING COMMANDER R.E.D. CAREY: A good all rounder. Has played for the Punjab and North West Frontier Provinces.

F/LT. PEARCE: Played in many representative games in Ceylon. A solid left hander and a good slow spin bowler.

F/O SIMPSON: Nottinghamshire County. A good opening bat.

F-O. WATTS: A good bat. Has made several big scores recently.

F/O. GUDGEON: Has played in League cricket in the U.K. A Good batsman.

SGT. ROBINSON: Warwickshire county. A fine cricketer. Scored a century in the last Test.

SGT. BELSON: A very good cricketer. Sound opening batsman and a good change bowler.

SGT. BARLOW: A very good left hand bowler and useful left hand bat. Has been very consistent in the past two seasons.

CPL HUDDLESTON: An excellent batsman and all rounder. Lancashire League player.

CPL HUGHES: Has played for South East Asia Command. A good all rounder.

LAC CORRALL: Leicestershire County Wicket Keeper. Holder of all England Record for wicket keeping. A good bat.

LAC DAVIES: Has played for Glamorgan. A good batsman and bowler. Made 65 not out in the last Test.

ACI GILL: An excellent medium to fast bowler. Has done very well this season. Lancashire League player.

UMPIRES: S/LDR. WALKER an old Test Cricketer and F/SGT ADAMS Secretary of H/Q Base Air Force Cricket Club and originator of the Test Series.

AUSTRALIAN (R.A.A.F.) TEAM

F/LT. V. Y. RICHARDSON: Adelaide S. A. Ex-Australian XI Test Captain and all rounder.

F/LT. F. ALCORN: Prospect S. A. A very promising all rounder. He represented the R.A.A.F. at Lords and as an opening batsman scored 36 runs in the previous test.

F/LT. D. ROSS: Geelong, Victoria. He captained the R.A.A.F. at Lords in 1942 when he kept wickets, and was captain of the regular R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters team.

P/O. C. A. WHITE: Hurlestone Park, Sydney. A forceful bat who scored 37 runs in the previous test.

F/O. V. D. GUTHRIE: Narranders, NSW. Has scored several centuries in both England and India. Compiled a brilliant century in the previous test.

F/O. C. GELLATLY: Lubeck, Victoria. An aggressive left hand batsman and slow medium bowler. Learnt his cricket at Ballarat College, and later played Country Carnival Cricket, winning the batting average at Horsham in 1940 with 153 and the following season at Dunmunkle with an average of 107. Scored 52 in previous test.

CPL. J. MASON: Kew, Melbourne. Scored several centuries in sub-district cricket. A sound opening batsman.

P. O. CONNORS: Left hand batsman and medium paced bowler who has performed well in the Madras competition. Played two seasons in the Victorian Junior Cricket Association.

W/O. DAWES: Tweed Heads, NSW. Fast right hand bowler.

F/Lt. MEYER: Bathurst, NSW. A wicket keeper of note and useful batsman. Has performed well in the Madras competition.

LAC ROSS C.: Stanmore, Sydney. Medium fast bowler of excellent control. Forceful bat and excellent fieldsman.

CPL. T. ROACH: Lismore, NSW. Medium paced bowler and captain of R.A.A.F.L.O. team.

Bombay Team For Ranji Semi-Final

BOMBAY, Feb. 9: The following players will represent Bombay against Northern India in the first semi-final of the Ranji Trophy Cricket for the Championship of India to be played at the Brabourne Stadium from February 16 onwards:

V. M. Merchant (Captain), M. K. Mantri, D. G. Phadkar, K. K. Tarapore, J. J. Kore, M. N. Raiji, R. S. Modi, R. S. Cooper, K. C. Ironside, U. M. Merchant, and Y. B. Palwankar.

Reserves: Anwar Hussein, N. H. Colah and E. S. Maka.—A. P.

Surat Flood Relief Cricket

SURAT, Feb. 9: The Hindus and the Muslims will meet in the finals of the Food Relief Cricket Tournament to-morrow.

The teams are: HINDUS: L. P. Jai, Vinoo Mankad, Hemu Adhikari, Prithviraj, Jusu Patel, Bikhu Patel, K. P. Kesari, Shantilal Gandhi, Ram Hazare, Nyalchand, D. Contractor, and H. M. Desai (twelfth man).

MUSLIMS: A. U. Botawala (Captain), Nakhooda, Yakub Sheikh, Amir Elnahi, Gul Mahamad, Ahmed Patel, Anwar Hussein, Alloo, A. Bagporia, E. Baporia, P. J. Rana and Ismail Patel (twelfth man).—A. P.

THE DECCAN GYMKHANA: Poona, proposes to hold the following Running Races on 25th February, 1945:— (1) 10 miles Running Race; (2) 1 mile Running Race; (3) 100 yards Running Race. The Thana Union and Recreation Club Gold Medal will be awarded to the 1st Hindu Runner and to the remaining the usual medals of the Gymkhana.

BHAVNATH FAIR

Government of H. H. the Nawab of Junagadh have notified that owing to shortage of food supplies the Bhavnath Fair usually held on Shivratri will not be held this year.

People coming from outside for religious purposes to Bhavnath will not be prohibited from visiting Bhavnath to perform Ceremonies in connection with the Shivratri festival but must bring their own rations with them.

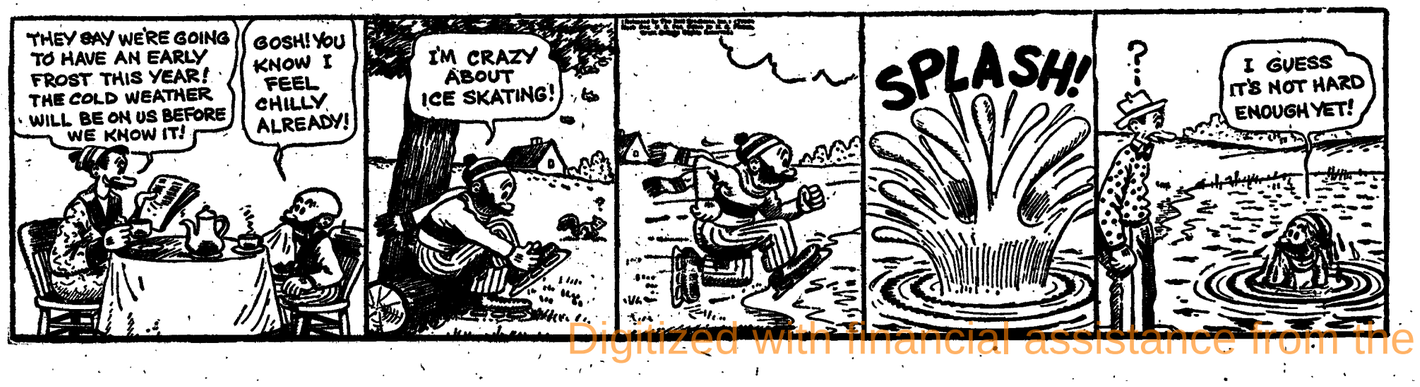
DAHANU BAR ENTERTAINS DIST. JUDGE

(From Our Correspondent.)

DAHANU, Feb. 8: Mr. R. D. Shinde, District and Sessions Judge is on Inspection tour at Dahanu. During his stay here, the local bar entertained him to tea. The District Judge while thanking the bar for the honour they did to him, made a plea for maintaining happy and harmonious relations between the bar and the bench.

MAGNAE ET INVICTAE BRITANNIAE MELITENSIUM AMOR ET EUROPAE VOX HAS INSULAS CONFIRMAT. A. D. 1942
The love of the Maltese and the Voice of Europe confirm these Islands to great and invincible Britain
The church bells are ringing once again, the Battle of Malta is over—
The heroic deeds of the British Army, the Royal Air Force, and the Royal Navy unions, by the sterling services of the U. S Aircraft Carrier "Wasp," during the battle of Malta will never be forgotten. Spitfires, the product of Mitchell's genius swept the skies above Malta,—they swept those of the Mother Country in her day of trial. The ordeal Malta had to endure was greater than in any other country—over 3000 air raids. The people of Malta have listened to the eldritch screams of the divers more than six thousand times; each day and each night of five months they were bombed—some for as out of 24 hours.
The debt that England owes to Malta is very great. These are the things we must remember, these are the things we must repay.
The Epic would not be complete if we omitted the names of six valiant airmen who excelled even the deeds of their fellow-men in the Battle of Britain. Four of them came from the British Isles, one from Canada and one from South Africa. Two things they shared, youth and that heritage which is common to all of British blood, whether they come from the prairies of the New World, the "Veldt" or the green fields of England. They have left behind them in Malta a memory and—their names.
P. W. MANNIN D. O. GILLESPIE
A. C. MACKIE A. L. MATHER W. A. PEGGIE
These are the names of Malta's first fighter-pilots. They have become a legend, the legend of six young patriots. Six against a host, who challenged and outfought Mussolini's vaunted Regia Aeronautica with three superannuated Gloster-Gladiator bi-planes named "Faith", "Hope" and "Charity." When these boys took to the air, the first prayer the Maltese uttered was not for safety from the crushing bombs—but for the protection of those boys fighting thousands of feet overhead.
INSERTED BY JAMES CARLTON LTD LONDON
MANUFACTURERS OF VIRGINIA NO. 10 CIGARETTES

MUTT AND JEFF—Who pulled that old wheeze about the power of mind over matter? By BUD FISHER


THEY SAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN EARLY FROST THIS YEAR! THE COLD WEATHER WILL BE ON US BEFORE WE KNOW IT!
GOSH! YOU KNOW I FEEL CHILLY ALREADY!
I'M CRAZY ABOUT ICE SKATING!
SPLASH!
?
I GUESS IT'S NOT HARD ENOUGH YET!

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OUR TABULATED ADLETS

2 ANNAS Per WORD

MINIMUM RS. 1/8/-

To be paid in advance.

MATRIMONIAL

Wanted—Bisa Agarwal, Non-Goel, beautiful, educated girl for young bachelor, Engineer, aged 24 years Govt. officer at Bombay, earning 450|- belonging to a respectable U. P. family. Apply Box 7245, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted for a young, highly educated attractive girl of Maharashtrian Hindu family, a young and healthy match with excellent position and income. Write with full particulars to Box No. 7225 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted—Husband. The girl is an under-graduate, good-looking and belongs to one of the Brahmin communities. The boy must be highly educated and of any of the Brahmin communities. He will be placed in a position to earn more than Rs. 1,000 a month. Applicant need send only his name, address and date of birth to Box No. 7244 "Bombay Chronicle."

SITUATIONS VACANT

European or fair Indian girl Companion required, evenings four hours weekly, for socially backward Indian girl age 20. Qualifications; Good English, social manners and about same age. Musical preferred. Remuneration Rs. 50|-. Write Post Box No. 82, Bombay. 1. (7265)

Wanted young energetic and hardworking man with a very good knowledge of languages of this province. Must have strong personality and be able to satisfactorily interview business contacts. Technical aspects of the job will be taught. Slight knowledge of engineering and construction preferable. Apply giving details of experience, knowledge and salary expected. P. O. Box 987. 2064

Wanted a Competent Indian Clerk as Accountant in Nyasaland for a Tea Estate. He must be a very competent Book-Keeper having passed examination with practical experience. Salary for a very good man £30 per mensem rising to £35 p.m. free quarters, free 2nd class with food passage from Bombay to Nyasaland and back after three years satisfactory service, three years' agreement must be physically fit. Apply in writing with copies of testimonials to:—"Cowasjee Dinshaw & Bros., 121, Medows Street Fort, Bombay No. 1." 2065

Wanted for Kalol (Dist. Panchmahals) a lady Doctor L.C.P.S. having a special training in Midwifry and Gynaecology. Apply with testimonials and minimum salary to: Jahnavika Desai, Secretary Bhagini Seva Mandal, Kalol (Panchmahals). 2079

Wanted Gujarati-knowing Graduate and Undergraduate Teachers S.T.C. or T.D. prefered. See immediately between 2 to 3 p.m. Principal, Jain Boarding School, Matunga. (G. I. P.) 7259

Wanted immediately Junior Clerks for a colliery in a village in C. P. Post permanent with benefits of war dearness allowance, cheap grain, free quarters, light, fuel and medical aid. Bright prospects for persons intelligent enough to grasp matters. Experience not essential. Apply stating salary required, age, education to the Hirdagarh Collieries Ltd. P. O. Ghorawary/Junnordeo Dist: Chhindwara. (2055)

Wanted young men to undergo comptometer training. Immediate possibility for employment with good prospects. Minimum qualification matriculation. Apply to:—Messrs. Felt & Tarrant (India) Co., Kitab Mahal, Hornby Road Bombay. 7258

Double Graduates, Graduates and Undergraduates, precise and strong in Arithmetic, having very good handwriting, talent for neatness and aptitude for Accounts. Previous experience not essential. Salary Rs. 95-15-155 for Double Graduates, Rs. 80-10-120 for Graduates and Rs. 70-10-110 for Undergraduates. Two-thirds salary for the first three months to those without experience. Apply in own writing giving full particulars and references to: The Personnel Secretary, Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd., Elphinstone Circle. (2026)

Wanted for Seth Vallabhdas Karsondas Natha Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Bharapur near Bhuj Cutch a medical man with special training in Tuberculosis to work at the Sanatorium. Apply stating qualifications and terms with copies of testimonials if any to Dr. Jadavji Hansraj, 20, New Queen's Road, Bombay. (7230)

Wanted immediately experienced or trained Teachers and a Clerk knowing Office work and typing for a well-established local High School. Good prospects to deserving candidates. Apply Box No. 7241, "Bombay Chronicle"

Wanted a Naturopath to run a Nature Cure Hospital at Ajmer. Apply before 20th February, 1945, giving full details regarding qualifications experience stating the books studied and the particular system followed in the treatment as well as pay and terms. Honorary Secretary, Ajmer-Merwara Nature Cure Association Ajmer. 1986

SITUATIONS VACANT

Accountant required for an Officers' Mess outside Bombay. Apply in writing enclosing copies of recent references state salary required and when available for duty. Box No. 7263 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an experienced man as buyer and seller in Drug and Pharmaceutical trade with several years experience with the importing houses and Drug market in Bombay. Full particulars of experience and pay required should be stated in the application, otherwise no interview will be granted. Apply Box No. 2082 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted young men for junior clerical appointments. Minimum qualifications Matric. Apply Box No. 7264, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a Motor-driver in the suburbs by a Doctor. Good pay for the right man. Apply sharp Box No. 7268. "Bombay Chronicle."

SOCIAL

Friendless? Lonely? We introduce ladies, gentlemen, pen personal friends, (Ladies enrolled free). Prospectus from: Aesthetic Society, Post Box 5531, Bombay 6740

NURSES & SISTERS

Qualified Nurses. Hindus and Christians available any moment, Relief Association. Telephone 34479. 1852

HOTELS (IN UPCOUNTRY)

Deolali Grand Hotel. Good Rooms Available. All Home Comforts and Conveniences. Cuisine Unsurpassed. Charges Moderate. Please Apply Manager. 7187

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Failed Preliminary (Matriculation) Students may appear at Senior Cambridge Examination. Mathematics Second Language omissible. Oral/Postal training. Bombay Tutorial College opposite Jermahal, Dhobitalao. 7128

Ensure Success in Accountancy and Economics, expert Individual Coaching for First Year/Inter Commerce students. Terms Moderate. Alexandra Commercial College. Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road. 2012

CAPITALIST WANTED

One who can invest upto one lakh rupees in a Cement Company to be floated on a big scale, on the basis of interest and two annas share in the Managing Agency. Sum returnable within two years. Please write Box No. 7262, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted financiers able to invest in Fixed deposits in a running Limited concern on attractive terms. Apply to Box No. 7233A. "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a Financier able to invest 1,00,000|- capital for a proposed large scale Limited Concern. Apply with terms to Box No. 7233C, "Bombay Chronicle."

PARTNERS WANTED

Wanted a sleeping partner in well profitable business able to invest a capital of 50,000|- to 1,00,000|- on interest basis and two annas part in profits. Amount returnable after seven to ten years. Apply to Box No. 7233. "Bombay Chronicle."

PARTNERSHIP OFFERED

Wanted to become Partner in any new or running business. Profit immaterial but capital must be safe. Apply Box No. 7223 "Bombay Chronicle".

PLOTS FOR SALE

Plots for sale at Hill Station, Lonavla and Khandala for erecting Bungalows, Hotels, Electric water pipes. Telephone Wadekar, Wadekar's Bungalow, Lonavla Dt., Poona. (7239)

AGENTS WANTED

Manufacturers of First grade weighing Machines and weigh bridges want to contract with persons firms or companies, throughout India, having experience of selling these articles and desirous of pushing sale of Indian made articles. Apply Box No. 2051. "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted order securing agents for our high class Embossers, commn. 33 per cent. Samples and Orderbook against Rs. 5 cash or V. P. (refundable) apply New Friend & Co., Acheleswaram, Aligarh. 7236

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

For scientific advice in selecting suitable studies careers and employments through psychological tests freely consult Vocational Guidance Institute, capitol cinema building, second floor, Hornby Road entrance Bombay. 7179A

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale: Typewriter Remington Standard Foolscap size. Nice condition. Rs. 320. Apply Box No. 7261. "Bombay Chronicle".

1940 Phillips Nine Valves, and Zenith Seven Valves, A.C. Radiograms, with automatic Garrard Record Changers, in showroom condition. Rs. 2,200|-, Rs. 1,850|- Shaikh, 221, Bellasis Road, above Cafe National, after 6 p.m. (7254)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

For sale cast iron and miscellaneous Mild Steel Scrap. Tender closes on 22nd February 1945. Apply for tender form to General Manager, The Tata Power Co., Ltd., Bombay House, Fort, Bombay. 2029

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that notices have been given under Section 36(n) of the Municipal Act, for motions to the following effect being placed before the corporation when the Budget Estimates for the year 1945-46 are discussed:—

12. By Mr. P. K. Savant, seconded by Mr. N. S. Kajroikar—For increasing by Rs. 3 lacs the provision made in the Budget for Payment to Schools Committee for Primary Education, etc.

13. By Mr. R. A. Gole—For providing Rs. 4,200 and Rs. 1,440 respectively, for payment of Salary and Allowances under V.-Public Health Department in connection with the creation of a post of an Epidemiologist.

14. By Mr. N. S. Kajroikar—For making an additional provision of Rs. 12,000 in the Budget Estimates for 1945-46 under VI.-Medical Relief and Education for additional cots, etc., at the K.E.M. Hospital.

15. By Mr. V. B. Worlikar, seconded by Mr. P. K. Savant—For increasing by Rs. 30,000 the provision made in the Budget for payment of Discretionary Grants.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary

Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 9th February, 1945.

2084

NOTICE

OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the undermentioned immovable properties. Offers should be sent to the undersigned Messrs. Daphtary Ferreira & Divan at their Office at 13-19, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, so as to reach them not later than the 20th February 1945.

NO. 1: Property opposite the Royal Opera House consisting of a piece of land with the building standing thereon and known as "Purshottam Building". The area is 1035 Square Yards.

NO. 2: Property at Cathedral Street, Bhuleshwar, Municipal Street No. 103. The property consists of a piece of land 551-4|9 square yards and a building consisting of a ground floor and five upper floors.

NO. 3: Property at Assembly Lane Bhuleshwar, situate immediately behind and contiguous to property No. 2. The property consists of a piece of land 177 square yards in area with a building consisting of a ground floor and four upper floors.

NO 4: Property at Matheran known as "Raman Villa", situate near the Olympia Plateau. The plot bears No. 126 and has an area of 2 acres 16 gunthas. There is a spacious bungalow consisting of 5 rooms with outhouses.

Further particulars may be had from the undersigned.

Dated this 6th day of February 1945.

DAPHTARY FERREIRA & DIVAN
2037

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates belonging to scheduled castes and Muslims for the post of temporary clerks on Rs. 25-2-45 plus Rs. 10|- temporary pay plus a Dearness allowance which is at present Rs. 11|- for the Hubli Zone.

QUALIFICATIONS: — Passed S.S.L.C. or Matriculation or equivalent examination.

AGE:—Between 18 and 25.

Applications addressed to the Works Manager, Hubli, should be submitted by the candidate in his own hand-writing together with copies of certificates regarding education, character, etc. if any. Originals must not be sent but candidates when called for interview by the Works Manager, Hubli, should produce their original certificates.

Last date for receipt of application is 3rd March, 1945.

CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER,
M. & S. M. Ry., Perambur.
2074

THE TATA IRON & STEEL CO., LIMITED, JAMSHEDPUR

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from suitable candidates for the post of Senior Research Metallurgist. Candidates should possess high academic qualifications and research experience in the Metallurgy of Iron and Steel. Knowledge of and experience in Non-Ferrous Metallurgy and Industrial experience will be considered as additional qualifications.

The post carries a salary of Rs. 5-50-50-900 per month. The successful candidate will be entitled to profit-sharing bonus, dearness allowance, provident fund, leave etc. in accordance with the Company's rules. The selected candidate will be required to pass a medical examination by the Company's Chief Medical Officer at Jamshedpur and will be on probation for a period of one year, after which he will be confirmed, if found suitable.

Applications in the candidates' own hand writing, with full details of experience, qualifications and copies of testimonials and papers published, if any, should reach the Works Manager, The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before the 1st March, 1945. Candidates will have to appear for interview, when called, at Jamshedpur, at their own expense. (2061)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE J. N. TATA ENDOWMENT FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF INDIANS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for Foreign Studentships for advanced study, in particular, of the following Scientific and Technical subjects, viz., Physics, Chemistry, Engineering in all its branches, viz., Aeronautical, Chemical, Mechanical, Metallurgy and Mining, Radio and Communications, Marine, etc. The Foreign studentships are in the nature of loan scholarships.

Applications should be sent in on a special form which will be supplied on request, and must be accompanied by COPIES ONLY of certificates as to character and physical fitness (including eyesight) and a photograph of passport size. Such applications will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme sanctioned by the High Court of Bombay. Only applications of students, who have graduated with conspicuous distinction will be considered, and will be received not later than the 14TH MARCH, 1945, by the Director, The J. N. Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay. (2073)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

"HOLI" FESTIVAL

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY WARNED that no holes should be dug in any Street in connection with the 'Holi' festival without the written permission of the undersigned as provided in Section 322 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act.

No holes will be allowed in Streets traversed by tramways or treated with a permanent mode of construction such as sheet asphalt or sett-stones or concrete. Permission for digging holes in water-bound roads or roads surface-dressed with bitumen, tar macadam etc., will be granted free of charge, for a period not exceeding seven days (i.e. for the full moon day and the following six days) on application to the City Engineer not later than 23rd February 1945, on receipt of an undertaking that the holes so made will be filled in immediately after the festival and the roads reinstated to their original condition to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

U. M. MIRCHANDANI,
Municipal Commissioner,
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 2nd February, 1945.
2071

PRESS NOTE.

PERSONS who are employed in India on a temporary or duration of war basis on work of national importance connected with the war, and who are on the National Register in the United Kingdom and are otherwise qualified to vote, are eligible to make the requisite declaration for electoral registration as war workers abroad under the National Registration (Service Register) Regulations, 1944.

2. Persons brought out from the United Kingdom to serve in non-Government Organisations engaged on war work in India should apply at once to the Secretary, Defence Department (Man-power Section), Government of India, New Delhi, for further particulars if they desire to register, stating briefly the grounds on which they believe themselves to be eligible for registration, and in particular their National Registration Identity Number and nature of work in which they are engaged.

3. Government servants desiring to register can obtain information through their Departments.

4. These arrangements do not apply to persons serving in the armed forces or to Merchant seamen.

5. As the qualifying date for registration in the United Kingdom is the 15th March 1945 persons desirous of making a declaration should apply without delay. 2059

SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO JURORS

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the FIFTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS of 1944 which commenced on the 20th November 1944 has this day been dissolved.

Members of the Special Jury summoned for the ensuing Criminal Sessions which will begin on Monday the 12th February 1945, are required to attend the High Court on that day at 11-30 a.m. (S. T.)

Members of the Common Jury summoned for the ensuing Criminal Sessions need not attend on Monday the 12th February 1945, as specified in the Summons, but must watch the papers to see when their attendance is required.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1945.

J. B. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Sheriff's Office,
High Court, Bombay.
2087

NOTICE

WANTED in Bombay for the Head Office of a large Industrial Concern having under their control factories all over India an Experienced Costing and Statistics Assistant. Only men having worked in a similar capacity need apply giving briefly their educational qualifications, attainments and experience and enclosing copies of all testimonials to Box No. 2052. "Bombay Chronicle".

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE DHARAMSI MORARJI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.

BOMBAY

LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinary Share Certificates of this Company have been LOST or MISLAID.

25 share Certificates bearing distinctive Nos. 22091 to 22115 inclusive standing in the name of Thakordas Itcharam Shroff.

5 Share certificates bearing distinctive Nos. 28766 to 28770 inclusive standing in the name of Hargovind Lalubhai Talati.

Any person having any claim in respect of the above said shares should notify to the registered office of the Company at Prospect Chambers, 317|21 Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date. If no claims are received in respect of the said shares duplicates of shares will be issued.

For and on behalf of
The Dharamsi Morarji Chemical Co., Ltd.
DHARAMSI MORARJI & CO.
Agents.

Bombay,
Dated 10th February, 1945.
2077

THE MYSORE SPG. & MFG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will remain CLOSED from the 23rd February, 1945 to the 1st March, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
N. SIRUR & CO. LTD.,
Managing Agents.
V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Managing Director.

Registered Office:
Temple Bar Building,
70, Forbes Street,
Fort, Bombay.
5th January, 1945.
2070

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a temporary Gatekeeper for the B.P.T. Workshops. The appointment is subject to termination on return of the incumbent of the post, who is on War Service.

The pay of the appointment is Rs. 75|- P.M. (75-5-100) plus free unfurnished quarters adjoining the Workshops, plus Rs. 18|- P.M. war allowance plus overtime on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The duties are to regulate the passing in and out of material, Watch and Ward, and to supervise the work of the Watchmen (Ex Servicemen) etc.

Applicants should be of Indian Nationality preferably Ex-Servicemen not above the age of 45 years. Educational qualifications age and previous experience with copies of certificates should be furnished.

Applications should reach the undersigned not later than 28th February, 1945.

G. E. TERREY,
M. Inst. C. E.,
Chief Engineer,
Bombay Port Trust.
2078

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

Office of the Textile Commissioner, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

TENDER NOTICE NO. CX20633-P12 FOR WOOL COTTON ABSORBENT

INTENDING SUPPLIERS will please note that samples against the above Tender are required to be submitted to the Chief Inspector of Cotton Textiles, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay by 20th February, 1945.

Tenders will now be publicly opened at 11 A.M. on the 21st February 1945 and not on the 15th February 1945 as was notified before. The Tenders should be kept open upto 8th March 1945.

Other terms of the Tender Notice remain unaltered. 2080

THE BOMBAY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of policy No. 45102 on the life of Mr. Gajanan Vinayak Deshpande a duplicate policy will be issued unless objection is filed with the undersigned within one month from date.

T. C. KAPUR,
Manager.

Bombay Mutual Bldg.,
Fort, Bombay.
Date 10th Feb. 1945.
(7266)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

"The Bombay Vegetable, Fruit & Flower Show."

Saturday 17th February 1945 5-0 to 8-0 p.m.

Sunday 18th February 1945 8-0 a.m. to 8-30 p.m.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a portion of the Victoria Gardens has been reserved for the Bombay Vegetable Fruit and Flower Show Committee from 13th February to 19th February, 1945.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
D. I. AHMADI,
Superintendent
Municipal Gardens.

Victoria Gardens Office,
Byculla-Bombay,
Dated 9th February, 1945. 2085

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Our clients Messrs. SINGHAM BROS. & CO., (India) LTD. have revoked the Power of Attorney dated 25th March, 1943, given by them to Ramchand Choithram Nichani.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1945.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Attorneys-at-Law.

Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street, Fort Bombay.
2086

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MUNCHERSHAW DORABJI PHOTOGRAPHER and MURZBAN KAIKHUSHROO COMMISSARIAT, the proving Executors and Trustees of the last Will and Testament of Bejonji Shapurji Baria (deceased) have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. All persons having any claim to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of mortgage, sale, lease, gift, inheritance, trust, use, lien, incumbrance, easement or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Mercantile Bank Buildings, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which all claims will be considered as waived and the purchase completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL those pieces or parcels of land in the village of Amboli otherwise called Ambivli in the Island of Salsette and in the Registration Sub-District of Bandora being Plot No. 72 of the Amboli Estate situate at "Malcolm Baug" Jogeshwari in the Bombay Suburban District and ccntaining by admeasurement 718 and 175 square yards respectively and bearing portion of Survey No. 46 and Record of Right No. 275 together with the messuages, tenements and buildings standing thereon.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1945.

PAYNE & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(2076)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PRATAP KESHAV MEHTA of Lonavla has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned properties.

All persons having any claim interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said properties or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession lease encumbrance lien charge, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undermentioned at their office at Cama Building, 24-26, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES.

Five parcels of land situate at Lonavla in the Registration Sub-District and Taluka of Maval, District Poona, particulars whereof are as follows:—

Survey Nos.	Entry No.	Area Acres. Gunthas	Assessment. Rs. a. p.
116A	144	2— 4	0 10 6
116B	145	4— 0	1 3 0
116C	146	1—37	0 11 3
117A	148	0—30	0 2 6
117B	149	3— 3	0 14 3

Dated this 7th day of February, 1945.

VAKIL DADABHOY & BHARUCHA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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